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Editorial. . .



Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ to all our readers.

The covid pandemic hit the world last year 2020 which took away many loved ones, leaving behind the families, friends and the communities with pains and sorrows; it hit the economic sectors, impacting the individuals, families, corporate organizations including the governments, leaving behind untold miseries, hunger, jobless especially the poorer sections of the people and disorientation in work places; it impacted the people emotionally, mentally leading to depressions, anxieties, worries and fears and change of life-styles; spiritually it was an acid test of our faith in God and in His promises; challenges in our missions and ministries; disturbed our traditional and practices of Christian worship and fellowship.

However, on the other hand, it also brought some positive results leading us into new set of perspectives. It made us to think seriously about life, its brevity, the hope beyond the temporal and the value and purpose of living; family life was more valued and cherished than before; believers in Christ enhanced prayer life, on their knees asking God's Hand in the situation and also to content the disease; the Church leaders including the theological community had to rethink its mission and ministry from a holistic perspective calling for Good Samaritan approach in the given covid pandemic context.

There was a brief respite from covid and people took for granted that it is over. But 2021 brought more shocking situation by the so-called the covid 'second wave'. Its impact in India is so strong that death toll is heavy on men and women irrespective of religions, colors, caste, communities and gender. The untold miseries upon the bereaved families, the fears, worries and depressions impacted so many people. In the midst of the horrible covid situation our faith is again tested. The role of the church is tested. The church at this juncture, cannot be a silent spectator any more; passive, complacent and irresponsible anymore towards what is happening. Some of us respond to the issue as, 'God is in control and He will see us through. Keep fasting and praying in your closets',

whereas, people are dying outside of our four-wall. Our neighbors, families, friends, men and women known and unknown, are dying and suffering.

In this extreme time of covid situation, spiritual approach, emotional statements and theologizing the covid cannot be the answer unless we give serious attention to the social Gospel as well. Here, loving God and loving our suffering neighbors are very important. As James says, "...faith without work is dead" (James 2:26), the church must reach out to people in need. Indeed, the churches under the Council are carrying out a yeoman service to covid victims. Our thanks and appreciation goes to the churches. It reflects a holistic approach to the ministry God has entrusted to us.

The experts are talking about the possibility of the third covid wave, God forbid that it should come but on our part we need to be prepared for it should it come. The experiences from the two waves have taught us hard lessons and we cannot effort to ignore and be complacent to the warning. Let us all be responsible people in taking care of self, family, the church members and be ready to extend our helping hands to the people in times of need.

In this issue, we have the reports of the Council's activities and also reports from our six Conventions and Institutions. In the front cover page you will see the sign board we have put-up above the main entrance gate so that our members and guests can easily identify the compound in the midst of vast expansion of Panbazar, Guwahati area. We also have a new "One In All: Grocery Store" in the CLC building which is reflected in the inside cover page. Half of the CLC building was given away to the investor who has opened a grocery shop where we can get all essential food items. The community inside the compound and outsiders can come and do the shopping. We thank God for all these provision and facility given to the Council.

Also in this issue we have included two of our hospitals - Jorhat Christian Medical Centre and Kangpokpi Christian Hospital for your prayers. We will have the other hospitals in the next issue.

In this difficult time, let us remember each other in prayer. God bless.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Prof. Akheto Sema
General Secretary, CBCNEI

COVID-19 Pandemic

Emerging Psycho-social and mental illness

Dr. Bamin Tada, Medical Secretary, CBCNEI

In the medical history, the world had been experiencing from time to time, the outbreak of dangerous form of diseases either as epidemic or pandemic form, taking great number of human lives. One of such remarkable harrowing pandemics was Spanish Flu- H1 N1 Virus of 1918, originated in Spain killing 50 million people and affected 500 million all over the world.

Recent, outbreak of Corona Virus- SARS-CoV 2 popularly known as COVID-19, which was originated in Wuhan city of China during last part of 2019. Officially, it was notified on 17 December 2019. The disease has been recorded as one of the fastest pandemics, affecting the people all over the world within very short span of time.

The first episode or 1st Wave COVID-19 Pandemic though affected whole world but mostly European countries, both North and South American affected the most taking the lives of many people. Even most advanced countries with much better health system could not handle the pandemic. The worst among the Asian countries was India and its impacts were too huge with loss of many human lives and crippling effects on economic front, the country had ever faced in recent memories.

The impacts of the first episode were devastating in terms of disease and death. It has crippled Indian economy, virtually halted any developmental projects. Millions of people lost their jobs due to unplanned and abrupt countrywide lockdown during 2020 which lasted

for long spell. The impacts had left trails of untold miseries to the people. The fabric of social life, education, industries and activities related to economic pursuit, trade and commerce and as a whole development of India affected badly. The country GDP slipped down to minus 23 percent, making a dubious distinction for being the lowest GDP compare to GDP of other nations during the same period.

In Psycho- social front, the pandemic have left irreversible imprints in the mind of those who lost loved ones, they could not even able to see the faces of dear ones due to fear of infection. Many family members had been separated in the form of isolation or social distancing, creating huge emotional gap amongst them. The poverty and helpless cropped in, resulting a void and hopelessness situation, owing to which people started to feel with stressful mental agony and emotional outbursts.

The loss of jobs among the youths and deprivation of regular school and college curriculum for school and college going children have been crippled with their normal learning process. The young people had been compelled them to indulge themselves unwanted activities. The virtual world order was created and many became addicted to it.

Both industrial and agricultural farming activities were equally affected badly. The trade and commerce were given to a dead blow. The tourism and transportation system were snapped. The Psycho-social impacts so great that has lead thousands of people kind of insecurity and fear psychosis which one form of mental illness.

Another side of story is mental illness is common amongst doctors, nurses and other regular frontline COVID warriors. They have own share of worries and frustrations, simply because that they cannot fulfill professional and ethical obligations due to acute shortage of man power and facilities. Moreover, long time works to fill the gap of acute shortage of doctors and nurses risking own lives brought health professionals to utter frustrations. Humanly, it is not possible for anyone to work for more than 24-48 hours at stretch.

The present rate of increasing trends of COVID-19 cases, have pushed

down Indian health system into deeper trouble water. The acute shortage of manpower and work forces being experienced, compelling all junior doctors and final year nursing students all over India and deployed them for COVID duties. It has compounded frustrations among health professionals.

Secondly basic facilities to manage COVID patients are not available in most of the establishment. As professional, they have to watch silently their patients are dying without desire medical interventions. That has left deep emotional trauma and guilty feeling. Thirdly many doctors and nurses and COVID workers had to risks their own lives and sacrifice their own lives in the process of rendering services to the suffering fellow human. The world has been witnessing many of our doctors, nurses and other frontline warriors of COVID patients had sacrifice their lives.

Many doctors and nurses left their jobs. Some of them even committed suicide as they could not bear anymore to see the tragedies around them. All factors due impacts of COVID -19 pandemic contributing to an emergence of new form mental illness among the professionals which is also spreading in pandemic form.

The onslaught of first Wave COVID-19 Pandemic yet to be over, India was again caught with very harrowing form of 2nd Wave of COVID-19 Pandemic from the beginning of the month of March 2021. Corona Virus has again returned back to our lives with much more dangerous way.

Second episode or 2nd wave of Pandemic is said be of Indian Variants, which seems to be more dangerous than previous ones. The Indian variants coded as B.1.617, has double variants with capacity for more transmissibility. The virus also has been reported to have capacity to escapes body antibodies blockage.

With daily spikes of Virus, there is likely that the impacts are going to be greater impacts, which will be catastrophic, compounding further loss of human lives and economic meltdown

As per recent Oxford University study, the most devastating impacts,

besides loss of lives will be emergence of post COVID Psychiatric and neurological disorders such as encephalopathy, dementia, Parkinsonism, intracranial hemorrhages, ischemic stroke, insomnia and many other neurological disorders for patients who were under ventilator for long time.

Recent Indian study also indicated that during 2nd Wave of Pandemic, there is sudden rise of Post COVID associated fungal infection known as Mucormycosis or Black fungus mostly among cured COVID patients.

Recently published WHO study in Eastern Mediterranean, beside various psycho social disorder and mental disorders, alarmingly young people and youths are impacted. Among the youths, job disruptions and internal displacement and migrations are common, due to which they become vulnerable to obsession for Screens, exposing themselves to harmful contents such as violence, sexual violence, Cyber bullying, pornography. The substances abuse and alcohol has becoming a major problem for youth and young people. The school and college going young people also fall prey polluting the minds and affecting morals. All these issues culminate to psycho-social imbalance and frustrations and worries lead them into mental and psychological disorders are rising Pandemic fashion.

India was yet to plan and prepare for probable 2nd Wave of Pandemic, but second wave caught India unaware. India was opting for normal activities and life to put in rail, so that economy can return and people could earn their livelihood. The people of India started to forget, tragic memories of 1st Wave of COVID-19 Pandemic.

In the meantime, government started to relax COVID –SOP. COVID screening and testing and other necessary measure to check 2nd wave also was not active. The COVID vaccination programme targeting select group of population was about to be rolled out without much thought that it could lead acute shortage as production of vaccine.

Normal social activities began to gear up. The industries and educational institutions across the country were gradually opening back. The religious gathering of various faiths started to resume. The political compulsion

came for conducting Assembly elections in five Indian states and so also local body elections geared up with much fan fare for crowd pulling. At the same time COVID-19, SOP under Disaster Mitigation was not followed.

India was not ready for mass vaccination to her citizen. Testing facilities were not enough. No new initiative for mitigation could be planed. As a result now we can see the fury of 2nd Wave COVID-19 Pandemic in India.

The more virulent form so called Indian double mutant virus has been reported. Every day lakhs of new COVID-19 positive cases are reported with equally higher death rate. Now all most all hospitals in India are saturated COVID patients and existing facilities can no longer able to absorb anymore patients. Everywhere, there is hue and cry for life saving supports like Oxygen, hospital beds, medicines and even basic PPE. The large number of people is dying every day.

The disposal of dead bodies became one of the biggest problems, due to shortage of burial ground or cremation ground. The dead bodies are filed up, many are unclaimed making more difficult to dispose dead bodies. There has been greater fear among the people and hence compounded their worries and distress, seemingly all these things lead to psycho-social imbalance and mental illness now increasing in alarming proportion.

What is more frightening is that the disease has reached rural areas of India, where the medical supports are very negligible. The health care system in country is not able to address of the rural population as the health care facilities are concentrated only in big cities and towns where hospitals and clinics are available.

It becomes impossible for rural Indian to get medical aids in their places. At the same time cities and towns are chocked with COVID patients. The people in rural areas started to feeling of isolation and abandoned. The fear psychosis syndrome can has been seen among them.

2nd wave of COVID-19 Pandemic has created situation of utter confusion and chaotic condition I health care system. There has

been acute shortage of hospital beds, Oxygen, life support devices, couple with acute shortage of doctors and nurses all over the country Doctors and nurses and other designated COVID-19 warriors are over worked risking their own lives.

Doctors and nurses have started to develop fear psychosis and feel guilty amongst them. The patients are dying without much they could do for them which against much of their ethical commitments. Many doctors and nurses and other frontline workers subjected themselves to higher risk to become the victim of COVID-19 again.

The Psychological and mental distress among them are high. The present state of affairs have heightened the worries and tensions among health care professionals, taking them, higher chance of psycho-somatic and mental disorder, which might give rise to newer form Mental illness Pandemic in India.

The multidimensional impacts of Corona Virus Pandemic is not only going to bring devastating effects on lives and wealth of the nation but also will bring trails of irreversible mental and psycho-social imbalance among the people of India.

At time of national tragedy, there is no room for complacency, and politically motivated blame games, but it is the time, where we all have to show utmost solidarity and put our hands together to fight against Pandemic. However, India needs a healing touch and moral rearmament with repentance hearts for sins of the people. God has own time to heal the nation and restore His people. The moral decay and spiritually by rejecting God is very unfortunate. At this juncture India needs Living God. But God is ready for His divine visitation to rescue if we repent and seek Him.

2 Chronicles 7:14 *“If my people , who are called by name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turns from their wicked ways,, then I will hear from heaven and forgive their sins and will heal their land.”*

Let us all confess our sins and for sins of the nation and pray all

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for His divine intervention. AMEN



**The 71st Annual General Meeting of Council of
Baptist Churches in North East India
at CBCNEI Headquarters, Mission Compound,
Panbazar, Guwahati, Assam
General Secretary's Annual Report
April 2020 to March 2021**

As reported by Rev. Dr. Akheto Sema, General Secretary, CBCNEI

Respected members of the Executive Council: President, Mr Norbu Lama, Vice President, Mr. Nshenthang Jishing, General Secretaries and Presidents of the six Conventions and members-at-large. I on behalf of the Cabinet Secretaries and staff in the Council Headquarters greet you all in the name of Christ, our Lord. I take this opportunity to present a brief report of the activities undertaken by the General Secretary during the twelve months (April 2020-March 2021).

A. INTRODUCTION:

Last year (2020) was challenging to the CBCNEI because of the covid pandemic. The Council had to face difficult times. One of the challenges was in the finance sector. The Council's main source of income from the Conference Centre, Canteen and commercial buildings rentals with the exception of SBI office, were closed since the month of March 2020. The Budget presented by the Finance Secretary Mr. Vikato Shikhu showed a grim picture of the financial position of the Council. The deficit was reflected with much apprehension. One of the measures to bring down the deficit amount, the staff on contract were asked to take leave without salary. The assurance given to them

was that they will be called back to work once the situation improves. The salary for the regularized staff including the Secretaries is paid up to June in full and beyond that 15% deduction of the salary till date (April 2021).

During the lockdown, Rev. Dr. Jolly Rimai, Mission Secretary and Mr. Rajib Zillie, Property Secretary were in the station. Rev. Dr. Jolly Rimai was asked to continue for the month of May 2020 and take in charge of the office and staff in the compound. In order to help our staff in the campus who by then were going through some financial crunch and without salary, emergency relief was arranged and disbursed some amount to all. The other Secretaries were then out of Guwahati. On 23rd (Saturday) May 2020 the staff in the Finance department were asked to come to Assam-Nagaland Dillai Gate with cheques and other related papers for passing the bills for salary. The Finance Secretary and I had the office for an hour in the gate and had to sent back the staff. On 16th June 2020 I and Mr. Vikato Shikhu, Finance Secretary, returned to Guwahati with permission from the Dimapur administration to travel to Assam. With few staff in the office, we could run the office. With the lock down in Guwahati, staff staying in the city could not come for office work. Only few staff inside the campus could carry out some of the activities including staff get together for worship every morning in the conference hall. On 25th May 2020, the Convention Mission Secretaries had a brief zoom meeting to bid farewell to Rev. Dr. Jolly Rimai.

On 8th June 2020, we had the zoom meeting of the President and Vice President, six Conventions Secretaries and Presidents and the Council Secretaries. There was no serious issue to be discussed. It was just a formal get-together because it was the first time meeting after the lockdown. Due to the situation, the EC members could not come together in persons and therefore the only option was

to have zoom meetings from time to time. We had one on 7th July 2020; another zoom meeting was held with the President and the Council Secretaries on 10th July 2020; one in August 24th and one in October 21, 2020 and the last zoom meeting was the 70th AGM in October 22, 2020.

B. ISSUES:

1. **Court case between GBC and CBCNEI:** Several meetings were held between the General Secretary, the Council Secretaries and the Guwahati Baptist Church. We took keen interest in this matter and together made an effort to sit with the Guwahati Baptist Church leaders. In between, the GBC celebrated 175 anniversaries where we took part in the programme like flag hoisting, unveiling the Jubilee monolith, words of encouragement relating to the Jubilee. Upon the request made from the Secretariat, the Church expressed in words and in written that withdrawing of court case is possible now but one or more sitting is needed to sort out few things. Therefore, with that positive note, we waited for good time to sit and discuss the matter but in between came the covid pandemic and the matter was kept in abeyance. The matter is still persuaded, letters of reminder was given but till date no reply from GBC.
2. **M.O.U. between CBCNEI and Seven Sisters International:** The MOU between the CBCNEI and Seven Sisters International is renewed. There is no major change in the MOU. We will continue to maintain the status till the SSCHG stand on their own. The EC in its meeting on 6th July 2020 has approved with few changes to be made.
3. **Renewal of FCRA:** The matter is in the office of the MHA in Delhi. All the necessary documents have been submitted and now waiting for the response from the MHA. Please

pray that we have the FCRA renewed soon.

4. **M.O.U between CBCNEI and APBAids:** For Relief and Development activities MOU was made between the CBCNEI and APBAid and is functioning now. The main purpose of the MOU between two parties is for transaction of money for Relief and Developmental activities where the CBCNEI will receive the funds in our bank account and later utilized the money for said activities. The EC approved in its meeting on 6th July 2020.
5. **Christian Education Fund Scholarship:** Raised scholarship for secular student mainly targeting our students in the Tyrannus Hostel, Lewis Memorial Hostel, White Memorial Women hostel, NECU, Nursing Schools. This Scholarship is made possible through Christian Education Fund, from Kassel, Germany. The amount of Euro 8000 per year for 3 years is granted.
6. **To increase the room tariff in CCC and canteen food:** The Cabinet Secretaries had a discussion on raising the room tariff and food served in the canteen. This is necessary due to price hike of essentials in the market.
7. **Renewal on Aizuto Mission Land:** This is to inform the members that the land lease on Aizuto Mission Centre is renewed for another twenty years w.e.f., 2020 till 2040. However, the SBAK issue is in the Civil Court and the case is in progress: SBAK(Aizuto) against the SBAK (Nito Mount), NBCC & CBCNEI.
8. **ETC and NECU status/situation:** With the current situation due to covid pandemic, two of our institutions were closed indefinitely. ETC could not contact the final Senate examinations, no college graduation could be conducted, new admission process is kept under suspension, college fees that comes from both the old and

new students were withheld and financial constraint has become matter of serious concern for the college. NECU is in a similar situation. However, with a slight improvement of Covid-19 situation, both the institutions are carrying out its academic programmes and other developmental works.

C. Other Ministerial and Development Activities:

1. Attended the first summon of the both the Plaintiff (i.e., SBAK-Aizuto) and Defendants (i.e., SBAK-Nito Mount; NBCC & CBCNEI) to the District Magistrate Court in Zunheboto in November 2020.
2. Completed the new chambers for General Secretary, Mission & Justice & Peace and office assistants through the generous contribution of Shri Losii Dikho, Honorable Minister of PHED & Printing & Stationary, Govt. of Manipur.
3. Completed the new “Conference Hall” in the old office building for multi-purpose like seminar, workshop, leadership training; staff fellowship & worship etc. This is made possible through the donations received from several donors. This conference hall is also for income purpose.
4. The “Mission Legacy” building project is in progress. The location is adjacent to CLC and left side of the entrance from the main gate as we enter from outside. This is 3-star hotel undertaken by Mr. Thatmoya for the construction of the building as well to own the hotel. MOU is made between the builder and CBCNEI. This building will fetch certain percentage of income to the Council.
5. Half of the CLC ground floor is given to open ‘Grocery Shop’.
6. The 3rd storey building above the Administrative Office is near completion which will be rented out soon.

7. The next projects are: (i) To relook into the Master-Plan for the possibility of coming up with Multi-Conference Hall; (ii) Campus Road/footpath black topping, (iii) a separate General Secretary's quarter.
8. On 27th January 2021 visited Kangpokpi Christian Hospital in connection with the Highways crossing the land and other official business.
9. Attended the Golden Jubilee Celebration of Abu Baptist Union as one of the speakers on the closing day 1st February 2021 at Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh.
10. Administered Ordination Ceremony on Mr. Abhijit Pegu, the General Secretary of DMBK at Mission Centre, Kulajan, Assam, on 14th (Sunday) February 2021.
11. Visited Naginimora Baptist Church for church relation as well as for fund drive for Council's developmental purpose on 21st February 2021.
12. Attended the Kangpokpi Christian Hospital Centenary Celebration from 31st March 2021 as speaker as well as to participate in the over-all centenary programme.
13. The rest of the activities were to attend the departmental meetings, board meetings of institutions, Zoom Meeting of the of the local, regional, national and international organizations

D. Highlights of the Activities of the Cabinet Secretaries:

Under the Council Administration in the headquarters office, we have six secretaries including me as the General Secretary. I am to report to the members that, God in His own time and purpose have brought the Cabinet Secretaries to work together with mutual understanding and cooperation we are able to carry out the various given responsibility. Much appreciation is given to five of the Cabinet Secretaries:

1. Dr. Bamin Tada, Medical Secretary of the Council is doing tremendous works to see the progress of the healing ministry through our 6 hospitals and 4 nursing schools.

At one time our hospitals were in the ICU but today it is doing very well. The Medical Secretary with all his experiences as professional medical doctor and held top positions at the State, Regional and National levels, is able to give a constructive guidance to all our hospitals and as a result the growth and participation of the hospitals with the CBCNEI is highly commendable and a bright future for our hospitals including the Nursing Schools.

2. The Finance Secretary, Mr. Vikato Shikhu had to move from pillar to post to see the stability of the finance department. With the covid-19 pandemic, the financial position came down so low and the Council had to go through difficult financial crunch to the extent of sending away the contract staff, the regular staff had to cut their monthly salaries and other allowances due to the Cabinet Secretaries. How to recover the deficit budget is a big concern. In addition, the government policy on FCRA is another big concern for the Council. Along with Finance Secretary we need to work hard to stabilize the Council's financial position. With an opening of CCC & Canteen and commercial buildings the income is slowly picking-up but not sufficient at all to meet the needs of the staff salary, up-keeping of the existing facilities, and over-all ministry of the Council.
3. With the exit of Rev. Dr. Jolly Rimai, former Mission Secretary, the new incumbent Rev. Boipu Serto has taken up the office. A young and dynamic leader who has zeal and enthusiasm in the given ministry and responsibilities, the Council look forward to his leadership and to see the enhancement of the Mission Department now and in the

future.

4. Property Secretary, Mr. Rajib Zillie is shouldering the CBCNEI properties which is another big responsibility. The Secretary is trying to keep all the land documents properly, keep the record clear, legal matters involving the CBCNEI lands, proper documentation of MOU with the tenants, construction matters which keeps him busy.
5. Justice & Peace Secretary, Mr. Malthus D. Sangma keeps himself busy attending to meetings relating to his department. Making partnership with Christian organizations that are having same interests and concerns in order to bring about justice to people who are victims of various oppressions and evils in the society.

The rest of the activities/programmes of the above departments are reflected in their respective annual reports which will be presented in the AGM. So far, to my observations on each of the Secretaries, I do not have any adverse remark. Team work is seen which is a positive outlook and remarkable. Together we can lead the Council forward.

The Students' Ministry of the CBCNEI has 3 hostels. They are, Shillong Tyrannus hostel; LM Hostel, Guwahati and WM Hostel in Satribari under the able warden, superintendent and chaplain and are doing well.

Closing Remark: I on behalf of the Cabinet Secretaries and all the staff in the headquarters would like to thank all our leaders under 6 conventions, Associations, Local Churches, Associate Members, Partners for your constant pray for us. Your good understanding and cooperation in running the Council smoothly is highly solicited and appreciated.

My entry in the Council's office as the General Secretary has three main objectives and priorities:

- (i) To keep up my commitment to the Lord, serve Him with

much passion and zeal and see that I end well.

- (ii) To build a healthy rapport with people, in terms of building relationship with all our church leaders and churches especially the CBCNEI family.
- (iii) To strengthen the Council in terms of financial stability, built physical infrastructure with the view to generate more income to run the Council and to be self-sufficient and not dependent. In this endeavor and very necessity, I want the good understanding and cooperation of our leaders and churches.

Let us strive together to take CBCNEI forward.



**Mission Secretary's Annual Report
(May 2020 – March 2021)
Presented in the 71st CBCNEI AGM,
Mission Compound, Guwahati**

As reported by Rev Boipu Serto, Mission Secretary, CBCNEI

Respected President, Vice President, Executive Committee members, Assembly members, and Co-workers in the Lord's vineyard.

Introduction

First of all, my warmest greetings to all of you present here in Christ's precious name. Second, in spite of my weaknesses and shortcomings, I am grateful to Almighty God for the privileged granting me to work with our Council since May 2020. Third, I count it as a privileged to give a brief report of the Mission activities from May 2020 till March 2021 for your kind approval. As we all know, the year 2020 was an unexpected pandemic, which we never had imagined. It brought untold sufferings and miseries to millions of people around the world, and it did disrupt the church ministries and till now many churches are suffering and reaping its consequences. Despite the challenges, we are thankful that slowly by God's grace things are moving back to what we called – New Normal.

I was to join the Council by 2020 May first week but due to the pandemic, I could not and had to work from home as resolved by the EC on 8 June, 2020. To be honest, it was difficult for me as I didn't have the mission files to work on, but I am grateful to the

EC members for understanding the situation. Moreover, I am thankful to Dr Akheto, General Secretary, CBCNEI who understood the situation and encouraged me from time to time. Finally, on the 02 September, 2020, I landed at Guwahati. However, I was subjected to covid test and home quarantine for 10 days. In spite of all these, I joined the office the next day (03 September 2020). The first few days of my time in the council mission chair was spent in studying the files and reports of the mission activities and programs for the last few years, and going through the ‘MOU’ signed with many mission partners and its working relationship. I am grateful to the Secretaries and Secretariat staffs who have been helpful and supportive from the time I joined office. Due to the pandemic, mission activities and programs couldn’t be conducted in 2020, but thank God that collectively we are already planning for 2021 and beyond. Please find below the activities and programs I was involved from May 2020 till March 2021.

Mission Activities & Programs

1) Vision & Mission of our CBCNEI Mission Department

On 24 September, 2020, I presented a ***Vision & Mission (from 2021-2030)*** paper to the Mission Board through zoom. Based on the 4-S, our vision & mission will move forward towards fulfilling the Great Commission –

- (a) Strengthening our ‘Missions Together’
- (b) Streamlining our ‘Mission Policy Collectively’
- (c) Strategic ‘Mission Partnership’
- (d) Systematic ‘Mission-Focus Discipleship’

Through this, it is my hope CBCNEI will ‘Think Globally’ and ‘Act/Work Locally’ with relevant contextual mission methodologies that suit our local churches, our people, and our mission fields. And towards this 4-S movement, Mission Secretaries Retreat of all the Associations under CBCNEI will be held from 2-4 September, 2021 in Mission Compound, Guwahati

to share, pray, envision, and fellowship together.

2) ***Mission Secretaries Fellowship***

The first physical fellowship after the new-normal took place on 14 January, 2021 in the Conference Hall CBCNEI. It was a special prayer time with the TEAM (6 Mission Secretaries/Director), who are my colleagues and brothers in the Lord. Few outcomes of the fellowship can be summed up –

- a) A deeper and better sense of understanding the Issues & Challenges each Convention is facing
- b) A bigger and clearer picture of how we can help each other as a Baptist Family emerges and transpires
- c) Frequent fellowship of Mission Secretaries must take place apart from regular Mission Board Meeting to build a stronger and healthy partnership
- d) Better coordination and networking among the CBCNEI Associations must be work-out as we are all in the business of building God's Kingdom
- e) A deeper sense of commitment towards **COMPLIMENTING** instead of **COMPETITION** in the work of the Lord for **Greater Harvest**

3) ***Mission Consultation, Assam Baptist Convention***

I had the privileged of presenting and sharing God's word during the Mission Consultation, Assam Baptist Convention from 18-20 January, 2021 at No. 1 Kowani Baptist Church, MABA. I presented two papers

- a) Paradigm Shift: Do We Need A Paradigm Shift In Mission? Challenges for Post-Modernity Church
- b) Characteristics of a Healthy Church

I preached in the evening worship service based on the topic – ***Why our Churches have failed in the Great Commission?*** Another unplanned informal session was the time with the Mission and Youth Secretaries of ABC. Though unplanned, it was nevertheless

an eye-opening for me to see the needs and challenges but also seeing the great potentials if youth and mission can truly be integrated and work closely.

4) *Youth Conference, Gangte Baptist Association (MBC)*

From 28-31 January, 2021 I had the privileged of attending the Youth Conference, GBA (under MBC) to shared God's word and presenting papers on *Youth-Mission Challenge and Youth in the Contemporary World with its Challenges*. Another unplanned informal session was the fellowship with GBA Secretaries and Mission Committee members. Sharing was mainly based on how we can work together towards fulfilling the Great Commission.

5) *City Mission Movement (CMM)*

The city mission started in 2019 with Guwahati city as its first strategic starting point. However, this time it will be a different approach, which will be replicated in places like Jorhat, Golaghat, Nagaon, Tezpur, and so on. Therefore, as part of a more aggressive approach towards the urban mission movement, a collaborative effort of Mission Departments of CBCNEI and ABC was launched by Dr Akheto, GS CBCNEI on 18 February, 2021 in the Conference Hall, CBCNEI under the theme *Reaching Every City for Christ* (based on Ezekiel 22:30). This new movement will integrate the youths of ABC churches and Associations as part of city outreach. Every believer within this city will become an agent of gospel carriers to their neighbours, friends, colleagues, etc. Ministry partners like YWAM, Campus Crusade, Alpha India, IEM, KABS, and Guwahati Christian Forum took part in the launching program. They will work very closely with us towards fulfilling this mission.

6) *Williamnagar Trip*

This was part of meeting and fellowship with leaders and members of Balsrigittim B/Church (Krima XI, GBC) from 20-21 February, 2021. They are the main sponsor of Mr. Nityanath, Guwahati city evangelist since 2019. The meeting couldn't take place in 2020

due to the covid. During my visit, I had the opportunity to speak among the youth to challenge them for mission, and spoke in the morning worship on the urgency of the Great Commission. A very fruitful visit indeed!

7) *Youth & Education Secretaries Retreat*

I was one of the resource persons during the MBC Youth & Education Secretaries Retreat from 26-28 February, 2021 CBCNEI Conference Hall, Guwahati under the theme ***Standing Firm to the End***. This was a collaborative program of MBC and Mission Department, CBCNEI.

8) *Mission Challenge*

Three mission challenge programs were conducted in Imphal based on our Council theme ***In Times Like This***, and challenging the churches to be part and parcel of the Great Commission –

- (i) Maringlane B/Church on 14 March, 2021 (morning)
- (ii) MBC Centre Church on 14 March, 2021 (afternoon)
- (iii) Youths, MBC Centre Church on 27 March, 2021 (afternoon)

9) *Ending Bible Poverty*

The name can be misleading to many. Part of the mission is making sure that every person has the word of God in their hands. The mission was launched by Dr Akheto, GS CBCNEI on March 25, 2021 at the Conference Hall, CBCNEI under the theme ***Reaching Every Person with the Bible***, which is a collaborative partnership of Mission Dept., CBCNEI and Youth With A Mission (YWAM). This ministry will work closely with Guwahati Christian Forum, Campus Crusade, Alpha India, Manipuri Church Guwahati, IEM and KABS. The YWAM will bring the Bible (Assamese, Hindi, Boro, Nepali, Manipuri as of now) in the first phase, which will be distributed strategically through our mission partners at free of cost. Other Bible languages will be brought in according to need basis. Four reasons on why this is important –

- (i) Bible is the most powerful tool for teaching
- (ii) Bible changes the way people think after reading it
- (iii) Bible can transform society
- (iv) God wants us to give his holy word to every person

10) *Other activities & ministries*

(i) Speaking engagements (Zoom) –

- City Fellowship Guwahati (2020 - 12 July & 06 December)
- Kom Rem Church Delhi (afternoon) on 12 July, 2020
- Aimol Baptist Church Guwahati (2020 - 27 September)
- ICEU Leadership Training (2020 - 03 October)
- EBC Guwahati (2020 - 18 October, 8 & 15 November)
- RIMS EU & EGF Leadership Worship (2020 - 15 November)
- RIMS EU Advent Christmas (2020 - 13 December)

(ii) Speaking engagements –

- Manipuri Church Guwahati (2020 - 04 October/2021 - 07 February)
- Kom Rem B/Fellowship Church Imphal (2020 - 15 & 25 December/2021 - 01 January, 28 March)
- City Fellowship Guwahati (2021 - 17 January)
- Kom Rem Church Guwahati (2021 - 24 January)
- Indian Institute of Theological Seminary (Graduation Speaker) – 28 February, 2021
- Satribari Chapel (2021 – 21 March)
- RIMS EU Palm Sunday (2021 – 28 March)

(iii) Baptism -

- Baptism of two people (husband & wife) was conducted at Manipuri Church Guwahati on 10 January, 2021

(iv) Committee on Evangelism, Baptist World Alliance (BWA) – Zoom Meeting

- In 2020 (13 August, 10 September, 02 & 30 November) for virtual School of Evangelism preparation worldwide

(v) Marriage Solemnization-

- I had the privileged of solemnizing two weddings –
 1. Mr. John Serto & Ms. Ruth Karong, Lower Khoirentak B/Church, KRBCA (under MBC) on 12 December, 2020
 2. Mr. Boilal Aimol & Ms. Ruth Aimol, Aimol Khullen B/Church, ABA (under MBC) on 06 January, 2021

Upcoming Programs & Ministries (April 2021- March 2022):

1. Sadiya Mission Retreat (8-12 July) – Revisiting & Recapturing
2. One month Prayer Movement (1-31 August)
3. Mission Secretaries Retreat (2-4 September) – all the Mission Secretaries of the Associations
4. Youth Mission Challenge in Greater Imphal (within September) in collaboration with MBC
5. Youth Mission Challenge for Guwahati city (within November) in collaboration with ABC
6. Mission Secretaries Pulpit Exchange (GBC to KABC/MBC to ABC/NBCC to ABCC). This is part of strengthening our CBCNEI family and forming strategic mission partnership within us. Hopefully, this will be carried out before March 2022.
7. Youth Mission Challenge at Diphu (February 2022) in collaboration with KABC.



Annual Report of the Medical Secretary of CBCNEI (From 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021)

As reported by Dr. Bamin Tada, Medical Secretary, CBCNEI

The year 2020 had been the most trying time for mankind, due to sudden spurt of COVID-19 Pandemic. It was testing year for CBCNEI Medical and Healing Ministry. Sensing the nationwide Lockdown from 24th March 2020. The following activities were undertaken during 2020-21:

- 1) **Workshop on Hospital COVID Contingency Plans:** COVID-19 Pandemic and Hospital Contingency Plans on 20th March 2020 for MS administrator at CBCNEI chaired by the General Secretary of CBCNEI. The following actions were planned and directed to Hospitals:
 - a) Hospital Infection Control Committee for each Hospital
 - b) Identification of Isolation Ward / COVID Ward / COVID Testing Centre
 - c) Orientation Training of Staff to handle COVID Patient
 - d) Preparedness of PPE and to follow SOP
 - e) Rendering essential Medical services during Lockdown to Patient
 - f) Hospital to be remain open to cater need of people
- 2) **During Lockdown Medical Secretary's connection with Hospitals:** Medical Secretary was in constant touch with hospitals to take the stock of the situation and time to time

suggestion and interaction with Doctors and Staff.

- 3) **ADMC Meeting attending through Zoom during Lockdown:** Attending regular monthly ADCM Meeting of JCMC and SCH by Zoom.
- 4) **Screening Test for MBBS/BDS/B.Sc (N) section for CMC Vellore/ CMC Ludhiana:** On 12th May, 2020 conducted screening for MBBS/BDS/B.Sc. (N) admission into CMC Vellore/Ludhiana, chaired by Rev. Dr. Jolly Rimai, Dr. John R. N. Sangma, MS, SCH and Mr. Rajib Zillie, PS, CBCNEI. 49 applicants were screened and 4 candidates cleared NEET and got admission in CMC Vellore – 1 for MBBS (Miss Ramtawon Kashung) and 2 for BDS (Miss Ningthemphy Rimai & Miss Shangamla VS) and 1 for MBBS (Miss Raron Awungshang) in CMC Ludhiana.
- 5) **Resume duties** at CBCNEI from 25th August 2020 after prolonged Lockdown.
- 6) **Zoom Medical Board Meetings** were conducted on 12th August 2020 and 14th October 2020.
- 7) **Visit of Medical Secretary:** JCMC, SCH, KCH, BCH and TCH attended ADCM after back to the Head Quarter
- 8) 31st March 2021 – CBCNEI Secretaries along with GS attended Centenary celebration of Kangpokpi Christian Hospital in Manipur.
- 9) Overview of CBCNEI Hospitals during COVID-19 Pandemic was fairly good and Hospitals could render essential medical services to the needy sick people.

CBCNEI Hospitals faced various kinds of challenges and God's faithfulness have been visible and coped up the situation well and hospital confined to function almost near normal throughout the year. A brief report of each hospitals as follows:

1. **Satribari Christian Hospital (SCH), Guwahati, Assam**

(105 Bedded)

A) In the heart of Guwahati City, SCH established in 1926 by non-other than an American Missionary Nurse by name Miss Millie Marvin – one of the few hospitals continuously served the people throughout 2020, with total **OPD - 14983, IP - 2707, Surgery - 391, Delivery - 643, Total Bed - 100, BOR – 28.27%.**

B) Highlights of achievement during 2020 :

- a) **New Eye Clinic (Ophthalmic Unit)** with equipment donated by Prof (Dr.) Sudita Ray of Kolkata Rs.5,00,000/- - Dr. John R. N. Sangma, Medical Superintendent being Eye Specialist will man the unit.
- b) **Human Milk Bank:** One of its just kind in N.E. Region was established with donation of Rs.12,00,000/- by Rotary Club, Guwahati.
- c) **New OPD Building:** Ongoing construction started and almost completion phase with Rs.4,00,000/- donated by Prof. (Dr.) Sudipta Ray of Kolkata.
- d) **College of Nursing Building:** Construction is going on with donation received from International Ministry, USA.
- e) **Palliative Care Unit:** SCH has been constructed 5 bedded Palliative Care Unit for caring terminally ill patient with donation of Rs.13,90,000/- from United Insurance Company of India.
- f) **COVID-19 activities:** SCH formed Hospital Infection Control Committee as directive of CBCNEI Medical Secretary with following initiatives:

C) Hospital Infection Control Committee was formed headed by MS:

- a) COVID – Ward both for male and female ward identified
- b) COVID – Testing Centre with collaboration with Apollo Hospital in new OPD Block

- c) Referral services
- d) COVID – Vaccination programme started benefiting not only hospital staff but also general public in the neighbouring

2. Jorhat Christian Medical Centre (JCMC), Jorhat, Assam (100 Bedded)

Established in 1924 by Dr. Kirby, 100 bedded secondary care Hospital. During 2020 total **OPD – 25,997, total admission 5681, average bed occupancy rate 52%** performed throughout the year as if almost normal. The highlights of achievement during 2020 as follows:

- i) **Oxygen Generating Plant:** JCMC commissioned in June 20 Oxygen Generating Plant funded by Numaligarh Oil Refinery (NRL) with Rs.40,00,000.
- ii) Annual Hospital income of JCMC during 2020 is approximately Rs.23 crores.
- iii) Repairing works of Dr. Kirby Bungalow and some staff quarters.
- iv) Repair works of Hospital Internal road.
- v) Construction of 6 bedded special paying cabin.
- vi) Purchase of Medical equipment – such as Defibrillator, Monitors, Multi parameter Monitor, Bubble caps, ventilator Trolley, Bio Safety Cabinet, OT Light Xenon lamp.
- vii) Purchase of TRUNAT Lab PCR Analyses for Diagnosis of COVID-19.
- viii) Separate COVID testing lab in OPD.
- ix) Atal Amrit Abhijan Services for Dialysis more than 3279 cases tie up with Govt. of Assam NHM.
- x) Plan to upgrade School of Nursing to College of Nursing.
- xi) JCMC started the Rapid Antigen Testing from 07.08.2020 and the Micro – PCR testing from

12.9.2020.

- xii) COVID – Ward for male and female identified.
- xiii) Hospital Infection Control Committee formed.
- xiv) Manpower Development etc.
- xv) CBCNEI sponsored Doctors joined at JCMC – a) Dr. (Miss) Kajini Rebecca, MBBS from CMC Vellore joined at JCMC on 01.07.2020, b) Dr. (Miss) Joice Muchahary, MBBS from CMC Vellore joined at JCMC on 16.01.2021.

3. Impur Christian Hospital, Mokokchung, Nagaland (22 Bedded)

Hospital was established in 1912 by Dr. James A. Baily. It is 22 bedded Hospital, located amidst the lush evergreen area spanning across 85 acres of land in the outskirts of Mokokchung, the first such Hospital in Nagaland catering services of the people since 1912 with 12 bedded General Ward, 6 bedded Palliative Care Unit and with average **bed occupancy rate on 25% - 30% around total OPD registration during the year 1030** manned by 2 Doctors and 2 Nurses. The initiative taken by ICH during 2020-21.

- i) **6 Bedded Palliative Care Unit** to rehabilitate chronically ill patient like cancer
- ii) **Skill development 9-month training** course for local girls with intake capacity of 20 students.
- iii) Annual Revenue of ICH during 2020 is Rs.39,64,817
- iv) Pharmacy, Laboratory services and X-ray unit is located in the Mokokchung Town
- v) Besides essential medical services, chaplaincy services are active in the hospital.

4. Babupara Christian Hospital, Meghalaya (10 Bedded)

It was established in 1949. Primarily, it is Primary Health Centre as per Govt. of India, nomenclature with 10 bed indoor facilities.

One ANM Nurse posted with support of Krima No.1 of Garo Baptist Convention have conducted so far 1200 deliveries. Dr. John R. N. Sangma I/c Superintendent who happened to be Eye Specialist do conduct Eye Clinic once in a week and during 2020 he **attended 1962 OPD cases and performed 106 Eye OT.** The Hospital has been equipped with Labour Room, Ophthalmic Shop, X-Ray machine and basic laboratory. He also conducted minor procedures and attended general patient. O.T. of hospital is functional specially for Eye operation and other minor procedure.

Achievement of BCH :

- i) Construction X-Ray Room and installation of X-Ray machine.
- ii) Construction two room cabin.
- iii) Appointment of Optometrist and Ophthalmic Assistant.

Urgent Need of BCH:

- i) Posting of one Medical Officer.
- ii) Some more Nurses.
- iii) An Ambulance to carry senior patient to referral hospital.

5. Kangpokpi Christian Hospital, Manipur (40 Bedded)

On 31st of March 2021 Kangpokpi Christian Hospital, Manipur Celebrated 100 years of God's faithfulness. Initially scheduled for 30th October, 2020, but due to COVID-19 Pandemic and Lockdown the date had to be pushed forward. In 1920 Dr. G. G. Crozier, American Baptist Medical Missionary came and started a Dispensary and Leprosy Rehabilitation Centre, later turned into 40 bedded Hospital as Leprosy cases reduced over the year. During the year 2020 hospital total **OPD cases were 6965, 794 indoor patient 6 major operation, 105 delivery and 327 minor operation.** It has one ANM School of 20 student intakes. Hospital is equipped with ECG, Ultrasonography, X-Ray, Laboratory and Pharmacy with 5 doctors and 13 Nurses.

Achievement of KCH during 2020:

- i) Very high-profile centenary celebration on 31st March 2021.
- ii) Centenary Building cum Guest House
- iii) Dr. G. G. Crozier Park
- iv) Renovation of buildings
- v) Dairy Farming unit with 8 cows and 6 sheeps
- vi) Water Reservoir Tank for Hospital
- vii) Construction 2-unit Hospital Canteen
- viii) 2 Nos. of Hospital Waiting Shed
- ix) KCH Bungalow Renovation
- x) Purchase of ECG Machine
- xi) Purchase of 2 Automatic Sanitizing Tunnel for Hospital
- xii) Hospital income in 2020 Rs.1,83,85,621/- a little higher than previous year 2019.

KCH Project Proposals:

- i) Construction of New Operation Theatre with financial outlay of Rs.30,00,000/-
- ii) Ambulance purchase cost of Rs.10,00,000/-
- iii) Completion of Hospital First Floor at the cost of Rs.10,00,000/-

6. Tura Christian Hospital, Meghalaya

Established in 1908 by Dr. G. G. Crozier, American Medical Missionary, one of the oldest CBCNEI 74 bedded Hospital at Tura, Meghalaya. During COVID-19 Pandemic Hospital was running near normal with **11604 OPD registration, 3253 indoor patient and 23% average bed occupancy rate**, equipped with X-Ray, ECG, Dialysis unit, Ultrasonography and Endoscopy and other Laboratory facilities. Hospital has 3 specialist, 4 General Duty Doctors, one Dental Surgeon and two contract Doctors with 77 Nurses. The financial position and income during 2020-21 were **Rs.6,88,53,075/-**.

The Hospital have no ongoing projects as of now but contemplating to shift X-Ray Room and improve O.T. etc. Prayer is coveted.

Remarks of Medical Secretary:

As though CBCNEI Hospitals and its healing ministry went through various challenges and hardship, it is praiseworthy that all our 6 Hospitals did not stop normal activities during COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

- i) Hospital Patient flow both OPD and IP was almost normal limit with slight variation.
- ii) Activities like delivery, surgery and procedures though reduced in numbers, it was satisfactory.
- iii) Financial position of Hospitals definitely constraint during the COVID-19 pandemic but yet Hospitals average income level was good with minimal deficit for few Hospitals.
- iv) Review of Medical Mission and Healing Ministry is utmost priority.
- v) Need of owning Medical Mission and Healing Ministry by local Churches and Conventions are utmost important to revisit the vision.
- vi) Hospital requires prayer, financial support and most of all helping hands from every corner to take ancient hospital to the modernized look of Health care.
- vii) Covet prayers and sharing vision of revival of age-old CBCNEI Hospitals to glorify His name. AMEN.



Annual Report of the Property Secretary for the year April 2020 - March 2021

As reported by Mr. Rajib Zillie, Property Secretary, CBCNEI

Honourable President, respected Secretaries, Officers, delegates and guests of 71st Annual General Meeting of CBCNEI at CBCNEI HQ Campus, Panbazar, Guwahati-781001.

I take this opportunity to present before you the last year's report till March 2021, for the landed properties of the Council. Our Good and Gracious Lord has led me throughout the year. And with HIS blessings only could carry out the responsibilities that the Lord has assigned to me through the ministry of CBCNEI as the Property Secretary. I am also very much thankful to all my colleagues for their continued support, guidance and encouragement.

Due to the Covid19 pandemic, no development works could be completed during this year. Only the emergency works were done. Later as restrictions were lifted by the authorities, the incomplete works were again started for the Mission legacy building near our main entrance and the SRP Ph II in the second floor. These works are still in progress presently. 4 tenants have already confirmed to take the selected premises on rent.

We could open our guest house and mess hall for our members only after October 2020 following all the necessary precautions and as per the SOP designed by the authorities.

The renovation work of the old conference hall has been undertaken to be completed before the AGM in the month of April 2021. This renovation work is to be completed with the funds raised by the

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Council Secretaries form various resources or as donations received from any individual members willing to give for the same.

However, the Christian Literature Centre (CLC) building renovation work could be completed and they could start the functioning in the renovated building.

In our property at Kangpokpi we had to spare some land from the area of Kangpokpi Christian Hospital, for the upcoming Trans Asia Highway for which the Manipur Govt. has agreed to compensate as per the prevailing rate.

The court case of the Satribari Christian Hospital land by Guwahati Baptist Church and party are still active and going on.

After the coming of our new G.S., Rev. Dr. Akheto Sema, Med.Secy. Dr. Bamin Tada and myself, we tried mutually for withdrawal of the court cases and it was almost going in the right direction, but unfortunately it took a U-turn suddenly and the status is now as before.

This year we are yet to recover some pending rents from the tenants, for the pandemic period last year.

In addition to the above, time is also given for the maintenance and renovation work for CCC and MESS Hall, all tenants with renewal of their lease deeds, collection of monthly rent, collection of electricity charges, attending legal disputes and maintenance buildings, water supply, etc.

IN HIM I REMAIN!!!



Brief report on the activities implemented by Relief and Development department of CBCNEI 2020-2021

As reported by Mr Rajib Zillie, Property Secretary, In- Charge of Relief & Development Dept., CBCNEI

I took over as the Secretary in-charge of the department from 20th March 2021. I pray to our Almighty Lord that I will be able to give my best in order that this department takes a better shape in all the possible ways, with everyone's support and to my capabilities. Due to the pandemic last year nothing much was possible but at the same time the situation also provided us with the opportunity to provide some relief and serve the people.

The Council's Relief and Development department have been carrying out various mobilizing and capacity building activities in the project site in Goalpara district of Assam under the Community Support and Livelihood Development Project 'Enhancing Community's capacities to strengthen Social and Economic Status with Dignity, Justice and Peace' alongside seasonal relief works during the particular time period. The activities carried during this period are briefly pointed out below.

1. Quilt distribution to students and employees of both Lewis Memorial and White Memorial hostels and to all the staffs residing in the CBCNEI campus and office administration staffs residing outside.
2. Participatory Rural Appraisal and Village Mapping schedule was conducted successfully for all the 15 villages (earlier 17 villages) on February 28-29, 2020 where facilitators namely Prof. Bibharani Swargiary from Assam Don Bosco University and Mr. Phungkha Basumatary of

SRF Foundation along with 4 Social Work students of the university helped in making the event a grand success.

3. CBCNEI-CASA Secretarial Meeting had been convened at CBCNEI Training

Hall on March 06, 2020 to review and plan on the Goalpara project implementation. All Secretaries from CBCNEI-CASA and all Project Staff members attended the meeting.

4. On March 17, 2020 a Financial Planning on Goalpara project was held at CBCNEI Training Hall where all the Secretaries from CBCNEI-CASA and all Project Staff members attended to discuss and agree on the revised utilization plan of the project funds.
5. The Relief and Development department of the Council in collaboration with Baptist World Alliance, Church's Auxiliary on Social Actions and Assam Christian Forum conducted a relief work on June 1-3, 2020 for 691 families in Goalpara providing them 10 kgs rice, 1 litre M. Oil, 1 kg Dal, 0.5 kg Salt, 1 Face Mask, 1 packet Sanitary Pad, Hygiene Kit (containing 100 ml Sanitizer, 250 gm detergent, 250 ml phenyl) for each family.
6. Project Staff Meeting with CBO leaders on September 09, 2020 took place at Garo Sahitya Sabha Hall in Goalpara on upcoming activities during October-December 2020.
7. Video Documentation on 15th September across 15 villages on CoVid-19 relief response by CBCNEI have been carried out in order to preserve for future references though the paper documents/reports had been submitted to the concerned Deputy Commissioner.
8. Request letter have been submitted to CASA-NEI for 140 pcs of Quilts for distribution to (50 pcs) Satribari Hospital, (40 pcs) Seven Sister Home for Girls and (50 pcs) Shillong Tyrannus Hall on October 28, 2020.

9. Beside the mentioned activities, CBCNEI ensures constant monitoring events and mobilization taking place at community levels through-out the years. The Project Coordinator holds micro meetings once or twice in a month while the animators are constantly in touch with the community members.
10. On 06th November 2020, an official letter has been received from CASA-India saying that the sub-granting of funds for CBCNEI-CASA project would not be possible because of the new amendments in Foreign Contribution Regulatory Act (FCRA) 2020 September 29th by the Union Government. Therefore, all the implementation works had been called off until the start of 2nd phase of the project that is due to start from January 2021.
11. The Relief and Development Department of the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India this year as the Coronavirus pandemic hit hard across the nation followed by nationwide lockdown to curb the spread of the disease, hundreds of thousands have been impacted because of it. During these challenging times, the Council was able to provide help in collaboration with Baptist World Alliance (BWA), Church's Auxiliary on Social Actions (CASA) and Assam Christian Forum (ACF) to 691 families with 10 kilograms of rice, 1 kilogram dal, half a kilogram of salt, 1 litre mustard oil, Sanitary kits (containing a bathing bar, 250 ml phenyl, 100 ml hand sanitizer, and a face mask), and a Sanitary Pads for women to each family. The Council is currently implementing a collaboration project with CASA and Bread for the World (BftW) Germany on livelihood development for 15 targeted villages in Goalpara district of Assam since June 2018. The project period is a ten year long divided into three phases of 3 years, 4 years and 3 years respectively.

Annual Report of Justice and Peace Dept. 2021

*As reported by Adv Malthys D. Sangma, Justice and Peace Secretary
CBCNEI*

1. Leadership program at Bibagre church, Chokpot, Meghalaya: On 12th to 14th March 2021, leadership program was organized by Bibagre local church. Justice and Peace department of CBCNEI was invited to share on legal issues pertaining to church ministries. Skilful leader is the main topic and Legal session was also included in the in the program. Participants of the program are mainly church leaders and deacons.
2. Mission conference (legal) at Kompaduli, Assam: Mission conference was held at Kompaduli, Assam by A.chik Baptist Krima No. VIII on 18th to 21st March 2021. Two legal session were included in the program i.e. Indian constitution and Freedom of religion Act (FORA). In today's context especially in India, church mission workers need basic legal knowledge because of Freedom of Religion Act where conversion becomes criminal offence under the law.
3. Peace school training on 23rd to 25th 2021 at CBCNEI Guwahati, Assam: India Peace Centre (IPC) of NCCI conducted three days' peace seminar and it was held at CBCNEI, Guwahati training hall. The program was organized with the collaboration of Justice and Peace ministries of CBCNEI and IPC for the ecumenical youth leaders of north east India. Participants came from whole north east and from different churches and it was very satisfying program.

Annual Report of the Seven Sisters Home for the year 2020 - 2021

INTRODUCTION

Seven Sisters Children Home for Girls is a Home for girls subjected to child trafficking, sexual abuse and those at risk. It is registered under the Juvenile Justice Act holding the registration number 98/2018 having an efficient staff comprising of 1 Officer in-charge, 1 Child welfare officer, 1 Counsellor, 1 Social/Case Workers, 1 Head Care Coordinator, 4 Care coordinators, 1 Cook, 1 House Keeper, 1 Para-Medical staff, 1 Admin Assistant, 1 Accountant, 2 Drivers, 4 full time teachers and 3 Watchmen. Most of the staffs are trained to take care of minor girls who have been trafficked and sexually abused. All the staffs are given training in behavior management and counselling principles. Seven Sisters Home mandate is to take care of the rehabilitation of the children sent to the Home as per the Child Welfare Committee's direction and the decision that helps to nurture and empower the girls towards independence. The Home submits reports to the Child Welfare Committee, Kamrup (M) and to various other Government Departments as and when required. Every girl who is referred by the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) or District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) has their Cases registered with the Child Welfare Committee.

During the first quarter of this year 2021, Seven Sister Home has received 3 new girls, out of which 1 girl was restored back to her home as per the order of CWC. At the end of last year, we have found job for 1 of our major girls who is an orphan. She is now

doing well in her job and is financially independent. We constantly follow up with her.

On 5th January 2021, we had received a girl who was so much traumatized that the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO), CWC members, Doctors, Police and counsellors at the DCPU office were not able to get her name, address or anything. She was a girl who was alive physically but emotionally dead and numbed. She was not aware of her surroundings and most of the time sat or stood up staring away at the distance. She did not speak a word till 26th January 2021, did not respond to anyone or anything. The first day when she was brought to us by the police she was in a mess, urinated and passed stool in her pants, with fresh bruises all over her forehead, temple and around her waist. She needed extensive and continuous care. Our staff and also the girls of SSCHG kept loving and caring for her and we all prayed for her to be healed within and without. Our prayers were answered and on 26th January 2021 she started to speak up and act little normal, a sight that was unimaginable prior to 26th January 2021. Since, then her healing journey began. She slowly started to improve and started to recognize some inmates with names and cooperated in daily activities and chores. At present her situation is much better from before. She mingles with the girls and staffs, does her work by herself, plays with the girls, talks and cracks jokes, even participates in other activities of the Home. Slowly she is adjusting with the environment and the Home. In one of her recent conversation with one of our staff she said that she feels safe and secured and happy to be in SSCHG.

In the month of March 2021, District Level Inspection Committee (DLIC) meeting was held in the conference hall of DC Office, Kamrup (M) and all the members of the inspecting committee, the CWC members and the DCPO spoke very highly about SSCHG

congratulating us on how well we handle a tough case (mentioned above) and how well the home is being run and said that we never denied any hard cases that are given to us by them. A celebrating moment for SSHCG, all praises and thanks to God!

ACTIVITIES OF THE HOME

The girls get individual counselling sessions by the Clinical Psychologist and also group counselling sessions. They also go through a counselling therapy called “Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy” and Life Skill classes. Each of them are assigned with special responsibilities like maintaining the library, arranging their own bed, cleaning their own dishes, and washing their own clothes. The girls are provided with nutritious food, daily protein, and added brown rice according to the Diet chart, approved by a recognized Dietician from GNRC Hospital Guwahati. They are also provided with special food during festivals and functions like Bihu, Eid, Puja, Christmas, New Year, Annual School Day, Teachers Day, Children’s Day etc. We also have Children’s Committee meeting which is held once in a month. In this meeting two groups have been formed i.e. from age 11 to 15 ‘Junior Group’ and age 16 to 18 ‘Senior Group’. During this meeting the girls are encouraged to discuss about issues they might be facing in the Home and give suggestions for the same. One Social/Caseworker is assigned to oversee the proceedings and minutes of the Children Committee meetings. The Home also has a suggestion box for the children which can be opened only by the DCPO (District Child Protection Officer). The Home provides the girls with medical assistance too. As soon as a girl comes to the Home her medical examination is done in Satribari Hospital within 24 hours, followed by Dental and Eye examination. Various immunizations are also given from time to time as prescribed by the Doctor.

LEGAL SUPPORT

The Home also files F.I.R. on behalf of the girl against the perpetrator as and when required. With the consultation of an advocate, we follow up with these cases; prepare the girls for police investigations and to face the court trials; present them in the court to give their statements and thus emotionally support them in the same. The Caseworker and the Social Worker do the home study of the girl to know about the family status, economic condition, parent's attitude towards the child and also check if the family is safe for restoration of the girl in future. After the home study the girls are allowed to talk with their families once in a month over the phone. The Caseworker and Social Worker occasionally take the girls to visit their families too. The Caseworker follows up with the police, and applies for the Victim compensation if applicable. The Home also helps the girls to procure important documents like Birth Certificate, PAN Card, Aadhaar card and also opens Bank Account for them as ID proofs are mandatory for finding jobs. Once a girl finds a job, she becomes financially independent and can be reintegrate into the society.

At present, we have 14 cases from Seven Sisters Home which are on trial in different courts in Assam and other states. **Last year one of our girls was able to get legal justice after 6 years of court trail.**

At present, our Home has total of 24 girls out of which 10 are minors and 14 are majors. As per JJ Act major girls cannot reside with minor girls so we have arranged 2 rented places for the them to stay and carry on their restorative activities at Seven Sisters Home. These Homes we have named as "Pragati Homes" where there is a Care- Co-coordinator to supervise them in their activities and also assist them at night. Here, the girls are given responsibilities to buy their own groceries, toiletries, cook their

own food by taking turns, and clean the house, with the aim to prepare them for independent living. Out of the 13 major girls, 12 are attending regular school and one was doing sewing class with USHA during the day and attended the night school in Seven Sisters Home but currently due to the pandemic the sewing classes are on hold and she is full time engaged in day school.

The girls are given exposures to Social and Educational events like Karate competition, Walkathon, Bharat Yatra, Science Exhibition and Child Rights events. They are also taken for small outings on every weekend in a group of 3-4 (three or four girls). Apart from small groups, all the girls are also taken to different Parks, Movie Theaters, Hiking, Museum, Planetarium, Zoo, and Water Park etc. once in a month.

CONCLUSION

Seven Sisters Home's overall goal is to give exposures to the girls to a complete life as far as possible, which helps them to move forward towards independence. Girls who are restored to their family are doing quite well. Some of them are working and earning too. We have found job placements for them. Till date, six (6) of our major girls are employed in different institutions/ organizations as found by us. We keep close contact with them and their families. Those who are orphan come to stay with us during their holidays from work.



**Report of the
BAPTIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF NORTH
EAST INDIA**

**Presented During the 71st Annual General Meeting of
CBCNEI**

As reported by Mrs Bonjera A. Sangma, Secretary, BWFNEI

Respected President, General Secretary, other Secretaries, Executive members and all the delegates,

A very warm Greetings from BWFNEI in the Name above all names who was and is, and is to come!

As we are all aware that due to the Covid Pandemic situation we were not able to carry out our regular activities as planned and could not meet physically and chalk out the programs for the year. Yet our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for His unceasing Grace and protection in the midst of crisis and delighted to mention few virtual programs where we got the opportunity to participate as BWFNEI.

IMCC- Women Forum: BWFNEI along with the member bodies take part in the prayer programs organized by the IMCC-Women Forum every last Friday of the month.

IMCC Webinar: BWFNEI members also participated in the Webinar organized by IMCC-Women Forum for 100 participants basing on the pandemic situation on October 31, 2020. Dr. Vernetta Myint San, President of ABWU and Mrs. Mercy Johnson, Former Vice President of International Ministry, spoke on “Innovative Ministry in the new normal” and “Grace beyond Despair” respectively. All the members were richly blessed through the

Webinar.

BWA Women's Day of Prayer: BWA Women's Day of Prayer was organized on November 2, 2021 in which BWFNEI leaders and all the member bodies under BWFNEI could join with the rest of the world in praying for the women leaders, members and other women who are in need of help and support. Virtual Prayer Program was organized where the key leaders were able to join when the other members met in their own respective churches and Associations for prayer. It was an enriching experience meeting and praying with the fellow Baptist Women leaders from all over the world.

Executive Committee Meeting: The Executive Committee Meeting was held on 19th March 2021 at CBCNEI Meeting Hall to review the plans and programs of the fellowship. The meeting was followed by a Dinner fellowship with CBCNEI Officers sponsored by Dr. Bamin Tada. The Executive members of BWFNEI were greatly blessed and encouraged by the presence of Rev. Dr. Akheto Sema, General Secretary of CBCNEI and Dr. Bamin Tada, Medical Secretary of CBCNEI and BWFNEI In Charge.

Future Plans: - 8th Triennial Conference to be hosted by Garo Baptist Convention in 2022

- Exchange visit by the member bodies.



ANNUAL REPORT of the
WHITE MEMORIAL HOSTEL (2020-2021)

As reported by Mrs. Neisewheno Siria, Chaplain, WM Hostel

Respected President, Vice President, Executive Committee members, Assembly Members and my respected colleagues in the Lord's ministry. Greetings from White Memorial Ministry family to all in the name of our Lord Saviour Jesus Christ. I praise God for blessing us with a chance to begin another life with new hope and vision. Once life seems to be so uncertain in the midst of this Covid 19. We were disturbed but our good God comforted us by keeping us in His save hand supplying all our needs. Those were the days and months God intervened by giving us a heart to worship and to remember His unfailing love. Thank God for sparing our lives and granting us new hope and future to go forward once again.

Enrolments:

As an aftermath of the pandemic, the new academic session begins very reluctantly with very few new students and new admission is way below the mark till now as compared to previous years. Course wise breakup of students at present:

BA LLB : 4	B SC.: 4	BA : 3	BBA : 1
B Ed. : 1	MA : 1	SSC Coaching : 1	
SCH Nurses : 4			

TOTAL : 19

Out of the above boarders, 6 (six) of them will be graduating in 2021. The final year students will complete their courses somewhere in August or September 2021.

Yearly Activities:

- Games and Sports – Combine Games and Sports with L.M. Student Ministry somewhere in Oct/Nov.
- Social Work – Once in a month, daily Roll call, Vesper etc.

Spiritual Activities:

Every Monday boarders were given privilege to take part in sharing the word of God. We give more times on Wednesday in memorizing Bible verses. Friday evening, we learned hymns and Bible study. Sunday evening is our time of devotion where students present special items like special songs, choreography, testimony etc. Apart from this, we also encouraged boarders to join their community fellowship and take part which does not coincide with our Sunday devotion timing.

Tentative Year Plan:

- 4th Dec. 2021 Saturday Advent Christmas Celebration
- 12th & 13th Nov. 2021 Games & Sports

Donation:

The pandemic has brought a drastic change in the functioning of the hostel, especially in financial matter. The situation has become a tight corner. However, in our difficult times God always shower His mercy upon us. From the very beginning of its inception, W. M. Ministry has been in existence by donations of cheerful givers. Till today the same trend persists and it's our hope and prayer that it continues in days to come. I express my heartfelt gratitude to all friends those who help us in different ways during the year 2020 – 2021.

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1. BWFNEI (50,000/-)
2. Mrs. Phutoli Changmak (10,000/-)
3. Ms. Ilito Zhimo (2 nos. of big gas stove/burner, Hot Casserole, Tea Can)
4. Pastor Peter Thong & family, Guwahati (1 fan)
5. Kahilipara Baptist Church, Guwahati (2 Fans)
6. Assam Baptist Convention (Women Dept.) (21,000/-)
7. Mr. Rakhikanta (Imphal, MBC) 2 fans (3400/-)
8. Mr. Vanboi Lanu Aimol (Imphal, MBC) 1 fan (1800/-)

Once again, I humbly request all our respected members to continue to pray for the WM Hostel ministry, so that it can continue to serve God's children in this city.



A Brief Report of LM Student's Ministry

As reported by Mr M. Talimoa, Chaplain LM

Greetings from Lewis Memorial Student's Ministry to all the readers.

As we all know that the year 2020 was a horrific year due to covid-19 pandemic. And therefore, all the colleges and the Institutions were closed down, and the students continued their learning only through' online system from home. Thus, in such a desperate situation, LM year 2020 academic session was more on survival. and unlike the past years could not have normal activities. However, now with the improvement of covid-19 situation presently there are 42 students, and gradually coming back to normal life with limited program and activities. Hopefully we are expecting better days and have more students and do greater ministry during 2021-22 academic session.

ACCADEMIC STATUS: 2020

• HS	:	05
• BA	:	13
• B com	:	04
• Bsc	:	01
• BCA	:	02
• Coaching students	:	12
• LLB	:	04
• Ph.D	:	01

STUDENTS COMMUNITY - WISE.

Sumi 02	Nyishi 02	Chakhesang 01	Mishmi 01
Ao 08	Rongmei 06	Kuki 04	Bodo 02
Thangkhul 01	Chiru 01	Paite 01	Lamkang 01
Garó 01	Phom 02	Vaiphie 02	Meitei 01
Hrangkhól 02	Assamese 01	Poumai 01	Maram 01
Liangmai 01			

2021 UPCOMING PROGRAM

- Fresher's Social
- Retreat/Seminar
- Sports week

Lastly but not the least, I express my thanks to CBCNEI Office on behalf of all the 5 students of LM hostel for granting scholarship a sum of Rs 30000/- each. Continue to pray and support LM student's Ministry for God's glory.



A Brief Report of the Shillong Tyrannus Hall

As reported by Dr Kansinlung Kamei, Chaplain, STH

I bring warm Christian greetings from STH Shillong, CBCNEI student's ministry. We praise God for helping and protecting us during the days of pandemic caused by novel corona virus. This tiny virus has shaken the whole world. This virus has not only affected the physical health of the people but also affected them psychologically. Fear has gripped many, fear of being affected, fear of losing one's life, fear of losing loved one and undoubtedly it has also affected the economy of the nations. 2020 has been the most dreaded year of our lifetime; the year that surprised us like no other year! We were under the grip of Covid 19 directly or indirectly with all the challenges and difficulties. We were tested on many fronts; our emotions took a toll and we were compelled to go on our knees more often than not. Due to this pandemic our academic calendar is delayed, admission to higher studies postponed, our boys have been in Holidays for 10 months without physical fellowship. But our Lord has delivered us from death, our eyes from tears and our feet from stumbling. Praise be unto God that slowly everything has restored back to normalcy. It was both a sad year but also an eye opener to God's sovereignty, His power, his plan and purpose for us.

After a long break of silence our students have come back to the hostel by the last week of January, 2021 and they have resumed their daily activities and regular classes. This academic

year we have 42 boys (out of which 30 of them are Old and 12 are new comers) from 20 different ethnic communities. Not like other hostels, STH is unique for its unity and diversities. We have students from various cultural, ethnic, linguistic backgrounds and these features enrich the community life. This academic year two higher secondary students will be completing their PU and 14 students will be graduating from various streams from our hostel. And 16 seats will be vacant for admission in STH for the next academic year 2021- 2022.

MINISTRY EVENTS:

1. STH annual day of prayer was organised on the 20th of Feb. 2021.
2. One day retreat program was organised on the 3rd March, 2021.
3. Outreach / Mission trip for the final year students to be organised in the month of May, 2021.

GENERAL AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. General Elections for the STH student's leaders were held on 27th Feb. 2021.
2. Fresher's day, was held on the 11th of March, 2021.
3. STH Sports meet, to be held on the 12th – 13th of April, 2021.
4. Annual outing for the student to be organised in the month of May 2021.



North East Christian University Annual Report for the Year 2020 – 2021

As reported by Dr D. Khathing, Vice Chancellor, NECU

I. **Academics**

- a) **Online teaching:** The COVID-19 pandemic had resulted in educational institutions all across the world to physically shut down, but millions of students globally have continued to avail online education through different modes of technology available. The North East Christian University (NECU) worked relentlessly to provide continuous learning and online education to its students who are located in different parts of the North Eastern states during this pandemic.

In order to adapt to the new system of functioning and knowledge delivery, NECU organised a **‘2-Day Faculty Training Programme on Online Education’** on the 22nd and 24th July 2020 in collaboration with the **Christian Institute of Management (CIM), Chennai**. The training was attended by all the faculty members of the University.

- b) **Current ongoing (2019 – 2020, as of April 2020,)** classes were conducted online. Mid Semester Tests were designed for online assessment.
- c) For the **Academic year 2020-2021 (wef July/Aug 2020)**, NECU had publicized that it would be offering **Under Graduate Honours Degrees** in the Areas of English, Political Science, International Relations, Management,

Psychology and Computer Science.

- d) **New Academic Session for 2020 – 21.** The new Autumn Semester classes 2020-21 started for the **existing batches** (UG and PG) on the 10th of August 2020. However, as per the UGC guidelines, admissions for new batches were kept open till the 31st of October 2020, including provisional admissions for students waiting for their final results
- e) For the for the **newly admitted (2020 – 2021 batch) Under-Graduate** students, Orientation was held from the 7th of September 2020 after which the classes for the Foundation Course started on the 14th.
- f) As on March 2021, the even Semester classes were conducted smoothly for the senior UG (2nd, 4th, 6th) and PG (4th) batches. For new PG level batch, which started late owing to the pandemic and UGC calendar for admissions, they are still in their 1st Semester.
- g) As per the Govt of Nagaland advice dated 19th Feb., 2021, Universities were allowed to reopen their Offline **classes** wef 24th Feb 2021.
- h) NECU has established washing and cleaning protocols. It also has an isolation room for any covid symptomatic case. SOPs as per the Govt. of Nagaland advice to educational institutions, are in place.

II. **Scholarships:**

Scholarships for students under different schemes were offered. Of the total number of 40 students (excluding PhD), of the total number of 40 students on roll 35 are being offered scholarships, from full tuition to half tuition amounts.

All Associations of the CBCNEI were invited to nominate one student member to avail of a 50% tuition fee scholarship. In 2020 only six Associations sent nominees.

III. New Faculty Members:

In 2020, NECU recruited four new faculty members from different streams to join its team;

Dr. Bendangienla Aier (Management), Dr. Ningsangrenla Longkumer (Psychology),

Dr. Pfokrelo Kapesa (International Relations), Dr. T Cholichem Sangtam (Political Science).

and Prof. Rosaline Jamir in English. Prof. Rosaline Jamir was appointed Dean Academics. She however resigned after two months.

Dr. Bendangienla Aier, Asst Prof. Management, also left NECU to pursue her Post-Doctoral Studies under a Central Fellowship Scheme. Dr. Partakson Chiru, who was number 1 on the Selected waitlist for Management, was appointed as Asst Prof. in Management. He joined in 2021.

In January, 2021, Dr. Senthil Kumar, former Professor and Dean, Bethel Medical Mission Hospital Bangalore was appointed Director (Medical Sciences) in order to initiate and introduce medical sciences teaching and training courses in the University. A nominal salary of Rs.50,000/- is being paid, with additional payments, if any coming only from funds and resources generated through him.

In March, 2021 Prof. Bejon Misra, an eminent and well-known national figure in food safety, consumer matter and alternate medicine, was appointed Professor (R&D) with the role of networking and promoting NECU at the national level. No salary is being paid to him. He had been showing keen interest in assisting NECU since the time NECU became known as an accredited body of the NABCB. He was earlier a Governing Board Member of the QCI.

IV. Certificate courses:

NECU conducted the following Certificate Courses in 2020 -

2021:

- a. Two weeks TESOL course in November 2020.
- b. Two weeks TESOL course in February 2021
- c. 6-months Cert Course on Organisational Management, Financial Management and Legal Awareness Ongoing Certificate course started in 2021:
 - a. 6-month Certificate Training on Leadership Empowerment (Jan to June, 2021). Coordinated by Rev Dr. Wati Longchar and supported by BIM. 92 candidates from 10 countries participating.

V. Post Graduate Programme on Holistic Child Development

The Eastern Theological College, Jorhat, a premier Institute of the CBCNEI has been offering a two-year MA degree programme on Holistic Child Development for the last seven to eight years. This is in distance mode and is recognized by the CBCNEI.

As per request of the ETC Jorhat, the NECU Governing Council has approved jointly offering the programme under NECU. It has been clear that NECU cannot affiliate any college or institution. The programme would remain as recognized by the CBCNEI.

VI. MA in Religious Studies and Christian Studies.

The Oxford Centre for Religion and Public Life (United Kingdom) has proposed to conduct several joint programmes with NECU on B. Min programme for South Asia, MTh, Masters in Transformational Development, and on collaboration with Malaysia and South Africa on B.Min. A more specific proposal is now on two-year MA Religious

Studies, which is offered in other Universities and MA in Christian Studies as offered by Madras University. An MOU is under consideration of the Governing Council.

VII. Major New Academic Initiatives:

A major new academic initiative of NECU is to start Paramedical Sciences and Nursing training. The essential infrastructure and laboratory facilities, faculty for the first year, necessary permission from the different regulatory authorities is being worked out. An MOU has been signed with a leading local hospital for clinical training. The entire programme will be self-supporting with the Bethel Medical Mission Hospital Bangalore being the main facilitator and supporter for at least five years initially. As it develops, the CBCNEI hospitals will also be invited to join.

VIII. Developments of NECU as a PrCB for TCHPs (Personnel Certifying Body for Traditional Community Healthcare Providers)

The North East Christian University was recognized in 2018 by the Quality Council of India as a Personnel Certifying Body (PrCB) for Traditional Community Healthcare Providers (TCHPs).

NECU has, in 2020, achieved National and International recognition by being accredited by the NABC (National Accreditation Board of Certification Bodies) under the provisions of ISO/IEC 17024:2012 and the International Accreditation Forum. NECU is the first University in the country to get this recognition and even in the world, in the category of TCHPs, NECU is the first and only organization. NECU can now use the International Accreditation Forum logo on its Certificates and can certify a Traditional healer as competent in his/her trade, and this certification will be recognised worldwide.

- a) This achievement of NECU has not gone unnoticed. NABCB and QCI senior members themselves have lauded NECU and even organized a **National level Webinar** on the QCI TCHP Scheme where NECU was the one of the main presenters.
- b) NECU was invited to be included and has joined in a **National level Task Force** on alternate medicine.
- c) International attention has also resulted with NECU making a presentation to an American based United **Nations NGO on Indigenous Peoples**. During earlier interactions, some American native Indians had evinced interest in the recognition and support for preserving traditional practices, in this case traditional healing.

IX. Other Academic related matters:

- a) NECU formulated its curriculum on International Relations with the support and guidance of the **South Asia University**, New Delhi, a **SAARC University**.
- b) **3rd Naga Culture Symposium:** The annual NECU Symposium on Naga Culture was held on the 9th of December 2020.

This was the third in a series which is held simultaneously with the Nagaland State Hornbill Festival. The topics covered during this shorter duration symposium were: Preventive Health Culture: A Naga Perspective; Traditional Agricultural Practices & its Ecosystem; Weaving and Cultural Significance among the Nagas; Naga Traditional Ornaments.

- c) **National Level Webinar on International Relations:** NECU organized a one-day National Seminar on the January, 2021, titled “**AT CROSSROADS: INDIA’S FOREIGN POLICY AND THE NORTHEAST**” Resource persons included from Jawaharlal Nehru University, South Asian University,

Indian Council of World Affairs, St. Joseph University.

X. Infrastructure and Logistics

- 1) No major new infrastructural works could be undertaken owing to the pandemic and also owing to fund limitations.
- 2) The modest **library** civil works was completed.
- 3) The **New Boys Hostel** is complete and is being used. The Boys Hostel was sponsored by BIM and NECU is grateful for its support.

XI. Resource Mobilisation:

a) **FNECU.**

NECU was dependent almost totally on support and funds received from FNECU.

In particular all teachers' salaries were met. Earlier, for five months, NECU paid only partial salaries to its faculty and staff and that too owing to the generous contribution of some Governing Council Members who came forward to help.

NECU is extremely grateful to those Governing Council members and to FNECU for their timely and much needed support.

- b) **Rev Yarngam Muivah, the NECU Promoter for Manipur**, has been released for him to take up pastoral responsibility at Bangalore. Rev Yarngam has been a committed worker for NECU and during his four-year tenure with NECU has raised a substantial amount for NECU.

NECU is grateful to him and prays for his new assignment. NECU records its gratitude to the Manipur Baptist Convention which nominated him. NECU looks forward to having other equally committed persons identified by

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the MBC to promote NECU.

- c) NECU records its appreciation to the Garo Baptist Convention which has continued to mobilize resources on behalf of NECU.

X. NECU on UGC List of Recognised Universities.

In the last week of March 2021, UGC uploaded its website and included the North East Christian University among the Private Universities recognized in Nagaland. This would hopefully put at rest the doubts and misgivings that many potential students and faculty had on the status of the University. This was brought about by removing a conflicting phrase in the original NECU Act which had included a provision for affiliation.

As per UGC Regulations, private Universities are not allowed to affiliate.



Eastern Theological College, Jorhat, Assam Principal's Report for 2020-2021

As reported by Rev Dr Narola Imchen, Principal, ETC

Respected President, General Secretary of the CBCNEI and the Executive members. First, I bring greetings from the faculty, staff and students of the Eastern Theological College. By the grace of God and through your prayers, in spite of the pandemic of the Covid – 19, the faculty members, staff and students in the campus are keeping well and safe. We continue to look forward to your prayers and support for the progress of the college.

Due to the pandemic, the students were compelled to leave the college campus on March 17, 2020 by the order of the Jorhat Administration. They left without writing their final examination. The farewell program and graduation program could not be conducted. After much tension and discussion in the Senate level, the final exams of the students were conducted on line.

We started the new academic session 2020-2021 on- line. The inaugural service was held on July 5, orientation was given on July 6, and on-line classes started from July 6.

1. Academic Programmes:

This academic session, the college has the largest number of student enrolment in the history of the college. There are in total 357 students, out of which 165 are women.

BD : 270, M.Th : 75, D.Th : 12

This year, M.Th is offered in the following departments: New Testament, Christian Theology, History of Christianity, Christian Ministry in two branches –Christian Education and Counselling.

D.Th in two departments: History of Christianity (5) and Christian Theology (7) .

There are 4 D.Th students who are directly under SATHRI, residing in the campus and supervised by our teachers.

Faculty Status: There are 17 faculty members at present, and one is on study leave. We have 14 doctorates and 2 with M.Th degrees and 1 with B. Mus. From this academic session Rev. Dr. Temjen Imchen has joined the faculty in the department of Old Testament.

2. Developmental Work

(1). Dedication of Faculty Quarter donated by DABA

The faculty quarter donated by DABA was dedicated on November 21, 2020. We are grateful to DABA for this great contribution.

(2). Dedication of M.Th class rooms above the program centre

The M.Th class rooms was dedicated on February 5, 2021. The donor's family also came for the dedication ceremony. We are indeed so grateful to God and Mr. Jemdi Mollier for this great blessing.

(3). EASTSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL:

As per the suggestion given by the Board members, the name of the school is re-named as ***EASTSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL***, from ***Samanea School***.

(4). Construction of New BD Women Hostel:

The construction of the new BD women hostel is going on well. It is expected to be completed by end of third week of April, 2021.

(5). Piggery and Duckery:

With the contribution given by Rev. Taku Longkumer and Rev.

Katie Longkumer, we have started the piggery project last year. This year we have started the duckery project also. We are thankful to the Longkumers for their great contribution.

(6) Tiling of the office Veranda

We are thankful to ABC for contributing towards the tiling of the office building. The office looks much better now. We express our gratitude to ABC and the General Secretary, Rev. Benard Marak who is also our Board chairperson for the great contribution.

3. The most Pressing Need of the College

ETC continue to face water problem. There is the urgent need to explore sources to meet this great challenge.

4. Re-opening of the college:

Due to the pandemic, the college remained close for eleven months. Finally, the faculty decided to call back the students in three batches:

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| (1) February 12, 2021 | : All student leaders |
| (2) February 17, 2021 | : BD III, IV & M.Th II |
| (3) February 24, 2021 | : BD I, II, M.Th I & D.Th |

Accordingly, the students have returned to the college. As far as possible, we are trying to run normal classes. But strict SOP's of the college are mandatory for all students to follow. We have given a covid discount of 20% for all the students in their fees. This is a great setback for the college in terms of financial management. But we thought this was necessary to show our concern for the student community during such a time.

5. Promotion to Professorship:

As per the decision of the Board on August 30, 2020, five of the faculty members were promoted to professorship on February 26, 2021. All five of them delivered professorial lectures, and the Principal made the declaration of their professorship.

2020-21 Report of the Director, Christian Literature Centre, Presented During the 71st Annual General Meeting

As reported by Rev T.P. Mordecai, Director, Christian Literature Centre

Introduction: Respected President and all the delegates present here. First of all I thank God because he had led us throughout the year in spite of many difficulties and challenges we faced because of the Covid 19 and many lockdowns that affected the CLC ministry so much.

Yet, today, I want to thank all of you for extending your valuable support during this hard time towards the ministry of Christian Literature Centre (CBCNEI) without which we would not be in this condition today.

Even though we could not carry out many works as regular, we praise God because within this most difficult period we were able to do the following few important works.

1. **Financial Contribution towards CBCNEI ministry:** This year due to the financial crisis we faced CLC was able to contribute only ¹ 2, 00,000 (Two lakhs thousand) only towards the Council's ministry as per our budget 2020-21.
2. **Six months Covid-19 fund raising:** During this period because of the covid 19 and lockdowns our CLC branches faced big financial crisis. Because of this they were unable to send contribution to the central from March to July 2020. So, I consulted to General Secretary and with his consent I requested

some friends and well-wishers to extend their support for six months that is from August 2020 to January 2021. Many friends responded and I was able to raise Rs. 4, 97,792/-(Rupees four lakhs ninety-seven thousand seven hundred ninety-two) only from 58 individuals, 3 Churches and 1 Association. In appreciation to their generous contribution, I sent CBCNEI Diary one each.

3. **Renovation of the shop & Construction of CLC Guwahati Extended Building:** Mr. Thotmaya Khamrang had renovated the existing shop of Guwahati branch and built the extended building at the cost of Rs. 33,69,000 (Thirty-three lakhs and sixty-nine thousand) only as per agreement taken. The renovation was completed in November, 2020 and the extended building was completed in January 2021. He will be occupying half of the ground floor, room measuring 1152 Sq. Ft at the rent rate of Rs. 55/- per Sq. ft. per month and there will be 10% increment every three years. This agreement is done for 25 years. The agreement paper had been signed by Rev. Prof. Akheto Sema, General Secretary (Lessor) and Mr. Thotmaya Khamrang (Lessee) and witnessed by Rev. T.P. Mordecai, CLC Director for CLC and Shri Yaichipam Awungshi for Developer.
4. **Branch contribution to the CLC Central in 2020-21:** This year the central contribution from the branches is very much improved comparing to last financial year 2020-21. I want to thank all the staffs of the branches work tirelessly with full dedication. Here is the detail report of contributions:

<u>Branch</u>	<u>Allotted Amount</u>	<u>Paid Amount</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
CLC Guwahati	4, 50,000	1, 10,000	3, 40,000
CLC Dimapur	2, 50,000	0	2, 50,000
CLC Imphal	7, 00,000	2, 60,000	4, 40,000
CLC Senapati	4, 25,000	1, 20,000	3, 05,000
CLC Ukhrul	6, 00,000	2, 50,000	3, 50,000

Total Amount 24, 25,000 7, 40,000 16, 85, 000

5. Repayment of Dimapur Land Money: As per the NEIEC/OCT/2020/11. I have written to him to give clarification as and when he will pay the pending amount of Rs 22, 50,000.00 (Twenty-two lakhs fifty thousand) dated 18th January, 2021. Before he replied he paid only Rs 1, 00,000.00 (One lakh) only through Dimapur Branch in January, 2021. Now the total amount Mr. Chenithung Humtso had repaid till February 10, 2021 is Rs. 38,50,000 out of Rs 60,00,000 which was Payable to CLC. Now Rs 21, 50,000 (Rupees Twenty-one lakhs and fifty thousand) only is remaining to be received by CLC. He replies letter dated 6/3/21 stated that he will pay in instalment starting from May 2021 up to March 2022. We hope that he will keep his word.

6. Renewal of CLC Society Registration: The complete process of the Registration renewal has been done and we were waiting only receive the certificate from the registered Office. But at last, we were informed that our registration is lapsed just for two months.

Date of renewal : 30.10.2018
Date of submission of activities report to : 20.03.2019
DC office for renewal approval
Date of approval from DC office : 29.10.2019
Date of receipt of acknowledgement : 30.12.2019
from registrar office

7. Registration of “CLC Enterprise”: As per Resolution No. CLC/2018/October/07 and CLC/2020/June/6 we have registered a new Trust of CLC named as “CLC Enterprise”.

Registration Certificate No. : IN-AS11358816504494S
Certificate issue Date : 06-Aug-2020 03:14 PM
Account Reference : SHCIL (FI) / as-shcil01/SRO

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This plan was made to cover the business of taxable items in order to support the CLC Ministry. Now we are beginning to sell like Xerox machine, Laptop and sanitizers and some other items. We are also trying to explore more business.

8. Guwahati Branch Legal matters: It is sad to report that, unfortunately, within few years some legal cases come up with CLC Guwahati. These happened due to the unfaithfulness of some of our customers. Therefore, we sued against them and the companies are also suing against CLC Guwahati. Regarding all these cases we are trying to deal it carefully with the consultation with Adv. Malthys D. Sangma, Peace & Justice Secretary of CBCNEI who is the concern Secretary for legal issues. These things happen because present style of business is quite different from before. But we hope that we will overcome one day with great victory. Please encourage and strengthen us, so that we will not give up but fight the battle and overcome. We have the following the cases at present:

- a. **Baptist Book Room, Agartala matter:** As per Resolution No. NEIEC/OCT/2020/11 of CBCNEI I made a phone call to Mr. Kwsrang Debbarma (John), Proprietor of Baptist Book Room on 6th March, 2021 to come to Guwahati next week if he is interested to do negotiation. He said he will be happy to do that. But he did not come as he promised to come till now. So, we have registered another civil case against him on March 18, 2021 at Guwahati High Court. We are compelled to do this as we are also being sued by other companies for having outstanding dues to them. His next criminal case hearing will be on May, 5, 2021. The present status of his outstanding due is Rs 25,73,495/-.
- b. **Deepu Prakashan (Delhi):** Deepu Prakashan sued case against CLC Guwahati in the Metropolitan Magistrate District Court, Central Delhi for Rs 10, 02,832/- which

they claimed from CLC Guwahati. But in CLC Record Rs 5, 61,895/- only is to be paid to them. The rest (remaining) amount is extra discount and en-routing business i.e., direct business by the company which need to be adjusted in the company's statement of accounts. So, case was registered on 18/09/2019. For that we pursued the court by appointing one Advocate from Delhi Mr. Jawaharlal whom was introduced by one of Manab's (Manager's) friend. For this case Mr. Manab Gohain had gone and appeared in the Court at Delhi on April 6, 2021. And for your information their books had been supplied to Baptist Book Rook, Agartala, which we are pursuing in the Guwahati High Court.

- c. **Pearson India Education Services Pvt. Ltd:** Pearson India Education Services Pvt. Ltd CLC filed a case against CLC Guwahati for Rs 43, 73,729.50/- which they claimed from CLC Guwahati in the Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Patiala House, New Delhi. The case was registered on 10/02/21 and Director and manager have to appear on 08/07/21. We are planning to contact advocate in Delhi in consultation with our Peace & Justice Secretary. Most of the orders and supplies were directly done by them to the schools and their representatives could not collect the amount. But the bills were channelized from the CLC. Therefore, we are studying the case with the legal expert Mr. Nandan Sarkar and Adv. Malthys D. Sangma to find out what step we should take up against them. We have done business with this company about one crore twenty-five lakhs approximately.
- d. **CLC sued to GLC & Associates:** Gospel Literature Centre (GLC) Tezpur started business with CLC for the last couple of years and they were not faithful in payment. So, after a long time we filed the case against him on

03/01/2020 in the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kamrup Metro, Guwahati for the amount Rs 8,08,576.66/- The first hearing will be in April as we are about to get the Court orders from the Advocate within these days. The owner of GLS is Mr. Jebiskel Mirdha.

- e. **Shanti Book Store (Babla Saha):** CLC filed case against Shanti Book Store (Babla Saha) in the Court of Civil Judge No. 1. Kamrup Metro Guwahati in the year 2018. But the Bala Saha the owner never appeared in the Court and he lost the case. So, the Court had given the decree against him. So, our Advocate Mr. Nandan Sarkar is preparing to file a small case against him which is necessary in the Court for execution. recovery of money through Police or Government officials. The amount to be recovered is Rs 2,19,097/- plus interest and Advocate fees will be calculated and added in the mentioned amount.
- f. **Dimapur Branch shifted to another building:** Since NBCC informed CLC to vacate the shop within three months as NBCC has the proposal of coming up with a new structure urgently. (Letter dated March 12, 2020). But due to some practical problems we continued to occupy the room for some more months till September, 2020 and shifted to the new shop at N.L. Road, Near Kings Sports, and (Old Appna Hotel) Dimapur on 5th October, 2020. Security deposit for it is Rs 6,00,000/- and monthly rent is Rs 25,000/-

9. **Gift and presentation:**

- a. Two copies of South Asia Bible Commentary to Kangpokpi Christian Hospital Centenary which is going to be celebrated on 31st March, 2021.
- b. 21 copies of CBCNEI Diaries 2021 to 21 pastors and leaders from CLC Central.

10. Conclusion: Lastly, I thank all the Secretaries and EC members for your fullest concern and cooperation towards the CLC Ministry. Please continue to uphold us pray for the growth of this ministry and also for the staff of CLC.



KANGPOKPI CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL

*Mr. Paominthang Hmar, Chief Administrative Officer,
Kangpokpi Christian Hospital.*



William Pettigrew, the first Christian missionary arrived in Manipur on February 6, 1894. His original plan was to work among the Meitei Hindus. He established a school for the children, hoping that through the students the Meitei Hindus could be converted. However, the Meiteis objected to his stay and his preaching. Consequently, with the permission of, Major Maxwell, the then Political Agent of Manipur, Pettigrew left Imphal for Ukhrul in 1896 and established a Mission Centre there.

During the World War 1, the contribution of William Pettigrew was immense. In appreciation and recognition of his service, the then Political Agent of the British government granted a land in 1917 at Kangpokpi measuring 204.5 acres for the establishment

of mission programs such as hospital, leper asylum and school. In 1919, Ukhrul Mission Headquarters was shifted to Kangpokpi. Dr. G.G Crozier was the first Missionary Doctor who came to Manipur with his wife from Tura to start the Hospital. He was later joined by other doctors, compounders and nurses. Thus, Kangpokpi Mission Hospital was started with a Dispensary and leper Asylum. Besides running the hospital, an orphanage was also opened thereby, blazing the trails of so many destitute and homeless children.

Kangpokpi Christian Hospital is one of the oldest hospitals in Manipur and also the only medical institution under the Medical Board of CBCNEI, the day-to-day administration and management is carried out under the administrative Committee appointed by Manipur Baptist Convention.

KCH is *committed* to make health, healing and wholeness a reality to the people in the spirit of Christ irrespective of tribe, caste, creed or religion and, to spread the good news of the *Gospel* to the unreached. It also continues to seek the support and guidance from the body of Christ, through CBCNEI and the Manipur Baptist Convention, and all its well-wishers far and near to achieve its goal to provide both physical and spiritual healing.



Besides the hospital, school for training for Auxiliary Nursing Midwifery (ANM) was also opened in 1982. More than 500 students have graduated since its inception.

Kangpokpi Christian Hospital established in 1920 celebrated 100 years of its existence on 31st March 2021. Rev. Dr. Akheto Sema, General Secretary CBCNEI was the main speaker. We are really blessed by his wonderful message. Dr. Bamin Tada, Medical Secretary, CBCNEI released the KCH Centenary Souvenir. Leaders of CBCNEI, MBC and CBCNEI Hospital heads came to witness the event. We had a wonderful time with them. The hospital was not in a state to organize such big event, but God sent people to help us from all corners and the celebration was very successful beyond our expectation. To commemorate the Centenary Celebration, we have also constructed a guest of 10 Rooms at the cost of Rs. 1 crore. This can have happened only because of God's wonderful miracle.



Jorhat Christian Medical Centre

*Medical Superintendent, Jorhat Christian
Medical Centre*



Brief History

The vision of providing medical services in the plains of Assam and the surrounding hilly regions was greatly felt by the “American Baptist Foreign Mission Society” in 1906 and subsequently a medical missionary Dr. Herbert William Kirby, a qualified homeopath from Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, was assigned to Sadiya in upper Assam.

From 1906-1919 a medical educational program under the leadership of Rev. S A D Boggs was started to train Medical Personnel. In 1919 when Kirby relocated to Jorhat, a dispensary of bamboo wall was built and in the market place a temporary two

room infrastructure was established. Patients started to arrive for medication as well as those with leprosy. Since these patients were not able to go back home, Dr. Kirby had “shacks” built for them. A grant of \$10,000 was received from a church in Philadelphia for construction of houses for these Leprosy patients.

In 1924 the dispensary with bamboo walls became Clark Memorial Dispensary. Patients had come from deep inside the Northeast India as well as from Myanmar and China. In 1927, Dr. Jonas August and Dr. Kirby planned and constructed the Treat Memorial Hospital through donations from Mr. Milo Clinton Treat.

The care for patients continued to expand doing major surgical procedure as well as cataract surgeries. The first American Baptist Missionary Nurse was appointed in 1932, Ms. Elna Gustilie Forssel, through American Baptist Women’s Society. Other American Baptist Missionaries nurses had immense contribution towards the growth and development of School of Nursing.

By 1938 the hospital had 30 beds and 14 bassinets, during this time an addition of the Tuberculosis Sanatorium was constructed. In 1954 the Christian leprosy Clinic was opened, Dr. Kirby’s



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daughter Dr. Mary Kirby Berry took over as the head of the Centre until her death in 1957.

Over the years the hospital has grown in serving the people of the region. Today Jorhat Christian Medical centre is 100 bedded hospital providing services in the areas, viz Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Paediatrics, Orthopaedic, ENT, Psychiatry, Laparoscopy Surgery, Regular OPD, 24 hrs Emergency service, Intensive Care Unit (in partnership with Rotary club, Jorhat), High Dependency Unit, Clinical Laboratory, Ultrasound, X-Ray, Pharmacy, Counselling and Spiritual upliftment, Leprosy Clinic and Community Health

Current Status

At present the hospital is rendering service to the NON - COVID patients only. A TRIAGE is setup in the OPD entrance with thermal scanning and hand washing and alcohol based sanitization. Social distancing and crowd maintenance is taken care by the security department posted at various places. As the patient arrives he/she is tested for COVID in the COVID laboratory where services are given for 24 hours. RAT test is done for the OPD patients not admitted and TRUNAT is done for the patient needing admission. An isolation waiting room is prepared where the patients needing

admission are kept till the result of the trunat test is declared. Periodic sanitization and cleaning is maintained and monitored by the Nursing office and the house keeping staffs. Personal protective gowns, gloves, mask, cap are being provided to staffs directly involved in patient service. OT sterility is being maintained and protocol followed and supervised by the Nursing Office. OT surveillance was conducted on 18.5.2021 by the Microbiology Department and found sterile.

Construction done during the pandemic

Isolation rooms are renovated in the old OPD building opposite the AD ward for the staff to be quarantined when tested positive of COVID. Renovation of the Kirby Bungalow is still in progress to accommodate single nurses. The new cabin block has been inaugurated consisting of 6 rooms.

School of Nursing

The School of Nursing has been conducting online classes from 13.5.2021 for the students because the first years have been sent home on 11.5.2021 and the second years on 12.5.2021 following the Govt order. The prospectus for the new session GNM course 2021-22 has been made available in offline and online mode. These are the few things done till now.



ASSAM BAPTIST CONVENTION
Report of General Secretary
For the year April 2020- March 2021 submitted to the
CBCNEI
71th Annual General Meeting

As reported by Rev. Benard K Marak, General Secretary, Assam Baptist Convention

Introduction:

Respected President, Vice President, Respected members of the Executive Committee, delegates, well-wishers, ladies and gentlemen. On this occasion it is my joy to present to you the report of Assam Baptist Convention for the year April 2020 to March 2021. As I present the report of the Convention let me quote Hebrews 12:1-2 which says, “*Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God*”. As we consider the year 2020/21, we have gone through unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic that has brought to us the uncertain future, the panic of life, the loss of jobs, the loss of economic conditions, the loss of ministries and above all the pandemic has crippled our normal life. In such a situation we all have looked at Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith and ran with endurance the race that challenged us. We thank our God thus far He has let us being with all types of

plights and trust that He will be with us all the days of our life. Praise be His name.

The report is comprised of 1) ABC in brief; 2) Statistics of the Convention; 3) 53rd ABC AGM; 4) Program participated by General Secretary during COVID -19 Pandemic; 5) ABC Schools; 6) ABC Departments; 7) Love Guwahati Project; 8) Nagaon Mission Market (NMM); 9) Scholarship Program and 10) Relief work.

1. Assam Baptist Convention in brief:

The Assam Baptist Convention is the apex body of 936 Baptist Churches, the total strength of Baptized members is 38,211 at present, the composite of Six Baptist Associations in Assam, namely, 1. Sadiya Dibru Baptist Association, 2. Sivasagar Baptist Association, 3. Madhya Assam Baptist Association, 4. Nagaon District Baptist Association, 5. Kamrup Asomiya Baptist Sobha and 6. United Baptist Churches Association. The ABC was established on 11th February 1967. Hereby the Convention has completed 54 years of life and ministry in the vineyard of our Lord Jesus Christ. The geographical area of operation extended from Sadiya to the border of West Bengal at present. The Churches and the Associations are the backbone of the Convention. There are some important areas where the Convention needs to give importance, and one of them is, in the area of Grassroots Level of the Churches, when majority of our Churches are located in the rural areas, who have lack of basic infrastructure in-terms of equipped leadership skills, envisioned road-map for mission and ministry, Church growth based on Biblical principles.

2. Statistics:

Name of Association	Number of Churches	Baptized Members	Theological Student
SDBA	106	6952	6
SBA	110	11,638	3
MABA	97	9080	4

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NDBA	24	2450	9
KABS	34	5738	4
UBCA	29	1234	10
House Church	536	1189	
Total:	936	Total: 38211	Total: 36

3. Annual General Meeting: The 53rd Annual General Meeting could not be held as per date and place fixed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, aforesaid Annual General Meeting was held briefly at Golaghat Baptist Church on 19-11-2020.

4. Program participated by General Secretary during COVID - 19 Pandemic

- a. Participated the meeting with Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, the Governor of Assam held on 08-04-2020 led by Assam Christian Forum and apprised him that as Christian Community of Assam stands together during the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was also apprised to him about the relief work to be undertaken by the Christian Community to the downtrodden and marginalized people in the greater Guwahati city.
- b. As the Lockdown was on, there were several ZOOM meeting organised, such as – with the leaders of UCPI had several meeting to discuss about advisory members to be selected from NE region in the advisory board of UCPI; IEM ministry meeting; CBCNEI EC Meeting; JCMC and SCH ADMC; India Baptist leaders meeting; CBCNEI Medical Board meeting; All India Sunday School meeting; ETC Board meeting; The National Day of Prayer on 31st May 2020 along with the churches of India; and IMCC Worship program participated.

5. ABC Schools:

- a) **The Nowgong Mission High School:** The Nowgong Mission High School situated at the heart of the Nowgong town is doing well under the able leadership of Mrs. Ninglianhoi

Narzary, Principal and Mr. Rahul Nanda, Administrator. The School has grown the enrolment up to 1477 students. Last year 35 students appeared HSLC examination, out of which 23 placed in first division, 11 in 2nd division, 5 students got distinction, and 4 students got star marks and 1 student got 3rd division. The passed percentage is 100%. I covet your prayer support for the School Principal, Administrator, Teachers and staff of the School.

- b) **Nowgong Mission Girls Hostel:** The School runs hostel for school and college students within the School premises. The accommodation capacity of the hostel is increased up to 58 seats since the completion of new RCC building construction. At present 56 boarders are being enrolled in the hostel. The hostel is supervised by Ms. Mira Nanda, Hostel Superintendent, under the Administration of the NMHS.

Community College: The Community College at Nowgong is running under the leadership of Nowgong Mission High School administration, headed by Principal with the assistance of few teachers and one fulltime staff. The Community College is a very important program for the Baptist Churches under ABC particularly for School and College dropouts. The community college program is a one-year curriculum and helps students to stand on their own feet. The total 5 students enrolled in this academic session. The following courses are being offered by the Community College: 1. Desktop publishing; 2. Garment stitching and 3. Beauty care. Along with these the 'Paper making & candle making' is an extra curriculum. However, the **Subject compulsory for all courses are** - such as: 1. English (emphasis on spoken English); 2. Personality Development; 3. General Communication & Etiquette; 4. Personal Hygiene & grooming; 5. Coping in interview with confidence; 6. Coping life skills and 7. Computer basics. The Community College graduates are already either employed or self-employed in different places.

- c) **Christian High School Golaghat:** Christian High School

Golaghat situated at the Mission patty Golaghat town is doing well under the able leadership of Ms. Trinity William, Principal. The School is growing slowly by the grace of God and of the hard work of the Principal after so much of struggle for last few years. The School at present has an enrollment of 357 students. There is a new trend of enrollment mostly in the lower classes of the School. In comparison of the previous years, 80 new students enrolled in the academic year of 2019/20. Last year 27 students appeared in the HSLC examination, out of which 6 placed in first division, 15 in 2nd division, 5 in 3rd division, 2 student got distinction, and 2 students got star marks. The passed percentage is 96.3%. Kindly uphold the School with your prayer & support.

6. ABC Departments:

ABC Departments such as Mission; Youth; Women; Development and Finance all are doing well under the able leadership of departmental Secretaries. The integrated ministry approach has been the main thrust of all the departments so as to strengthen our local Churches. As we proceed on in the days to come, we are focusing on grassroots ministry so as to empower our local Churches (Laities) for the mission and ministry of Lord Jesus Christ through the united endeavor undertaken by the departments. I am thankful for the commitment and dedication of all Secretaries.

- a. **Mission Department:** The Convention has now a new Mission Secretary appointed on 1st September 2020 in person of Mr. Brazil Barik a M.Th graduate from ETC, Jorhat. At present under his leadership the following activities have been accomplished:
 - i. **Pastoral Training:** The pastoral training for the pastors of Nagaon District Baptist Association on 2nd -4th December 2020 at Jubilee Complex, Nagaon; and for the pastors of KABS & UBCA on 19th – 21st February 2021 at Umsru Baptist Church

was able to conduct successful.

- ii. **Mission Consultation Program:** The Mission consultation was conducted for the year 2021 with the theme- '*Love Your Neighbor as Yourselfes*' which was taken from (Mt. 22:39) hosted by No.1 Kowani Baptist Church, under MABA, Dated 18th -20th January 2021. The Mission consultation was attended by 131 participants. The resource persons for the said consultation were Rev. Paoneikhup Serto, Mission Secretary, CBCNEI, Rev. Andrew Semp, Secretary, NMM and Rev. K. Lalnunsangha, Regional Director BCM.
- iii. **Bible Tracts project:** The Mission department of ABC has started Bible tracts project and the same printed for the purpose of mission and evangelism.
- iv. **City Fellowship:** The mission department of ABC for the first time initiated and inaugurated the City Fellowship at CBCNEI Mission Compound on 17-02- 2021 in the city Guwahati for those students/ young people who are living in Guwahati city coming from different homes under ABC. We are thankful that CBCNEI Mission department headed by Rev. Paoneikhup Serto is committed to participate as partner for the City Fellowship in the days ahead. The City Fellowship will be initiated even to other cities/towns within ABC.

b. Development Department: The Development Department headed by Mr. Pritom Kumar, Development Secretary, has been running well. As off now the department is operating following two projects.

- i) **Whispering Hope Project, Golaghat:** This is an organic Farming project- **FAITH** (Food always in the

house). It has pig husbandry, fish farming, Goatery, poultry and vegetable garden. The purpose of the project is to assist to the Community Development Worker (CDWs) to give skill development training cum awareness programme and exposure to the pastors of the Convention, so as to help replicate the same in their own Churches and localities.

ii) Socio-Economic Development Project: Socio-Economic Development Project in partnership between CASA (New Delhi), ABC is going on well under the theme “Enhancing the communities’ capacities to strengthen economic status with dignity justice and peace”. The objective of the project is to impart sustainable development in the communities even after the completion of the project. Thus far we have seen that the public in the community are taking up collective actions at micro level for influencing local bodies, churches for proper implementation of schemes and policies of institutions and government. Active engagement of women, minimum 50% membership, strengthening Economic and Social Status with Dignity, Justice and Peace. The project is working on upon the under mentioned 13 targeted villages and with local Churches under MABA, such as- Khonikor, 1no. Panjan, 2no. Panjan, 1no. Podumoni, 2no. Podumoni, Noloni Pathar, Ekorani gaon, Bebejia, Uriamghat, Borbali, Baroghoria, Kachomari, Bojalbari. The following activities are implemented:

1. 1 no of Vermi Compost training at DKD College, Dergaon.
2. 1no of awareness camp on Gender Mainstreaming at Pachim Sarupathar.
3. 1no of awareness camp on Sukanya Samridhi Yojana at

Pachim Sarupathar.

4. 13 Meeting cum awareness, sharing information by CBO to the community in the project area (13 village x 1 meeting=13 Meetings).
5. Printing posters on government schemes, rights and entitlements (13 village Posters in schools, churches, public gathering places etc.) with the CBO members along with the community.
6. Environmental Day Celebration.
7. Training cum awareness programme on (Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana). Resource person from Agriculture office.
8. Distribution of Mustard Seed from Agriculture office.
9. Formed a federation between 13 CBO
10. Distributed Paddy seeds 13 villages at Sarupathar, Golaghat under local churches.
11. Awareness spread on Covid-19 through posterings posters.
12. During this pandemic distributed of dry rations to 600 families under 13 local churches in Sarupathar.
13. People organization is formed between 13 CBO's.

a. Women Department:

- i) **11th General Meeting:** The ABC Women Department organized their 11th Annual General Meeting from 12th-15th March 2020 under the theme, "In Christ: Run for the True Knowledge", taken from 2Tim 3:6-7, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, under KABS.
- ii) **Mother's Day Celebration:** Mother's Day program was organized on 10-05-2020 in the premises of CHSG, and invited the women from other faith too.

- iii) **Seminar on Human Trafficking:** One day seminar on Human Trafficking organized on 8th September 2020 through Zoom by India Baptist Coordination Committee and another Zoom meeting for the same held on 20th October 2020 was attended by our Women Secretary.
 - iv) **Women Day of Prayer:** The Women Day of prayer was observed on 27th September 2020.
 - v) **Lydia Centre:** Lydia Centre is a Women Empowerment Centre located at the Nowgong Mission High School Campus. Through this Centre the training is imparted on cutting; tailoring and embroidery for under privileged women.
 - vi) **Self-Reliance Project:** The Women Department has begun a self-reliance project (a shop) where they have been started to sale the products of Lydia Centre, traditional dresses and also some local organic items collected from the Churches and individuals.
- b. Youth Department:** The Convention has now a new Youth Secretary appointed on 1st September 2020 in person of Mr. Jaywant Raj, a BD graduate from ETC, Jorhat.
- i. **34th Biennial Assam Baptist Christian Endeavour Annual Meeting:** The 34th Biennial Assam Baptist Christian Endeavour Annual Meeting was held on 19th-21st March 2021 at Nagaon Mission High School Compound under the theme, “*Who has made us competent to be minister of a new covenant*”, taken from 2 Cor 3:6.
 - ii. The Youth department felicitated 3 students from underprivileged category who passed HSLC examination with distinction.
 - iii. The Youth department has participated in various programs/activities such as BYFNEI Executive meeting and Horizon Youth Leaders Training organized by

BYFNEI; Relief distribution during COVID-19 pandemic and for flood effected people; Awareness program on human trafficking; Health awareness; Mission consultation organized by ABC Mission department; City Fellowship, Guwahati and Community Leadership Development, organized by Elim Resource Centre in Guwahati.

7. Love Guwahati Project: Love Guwahati Project situated at Latakata, Guwahati, near Basistha Chariali is a Mission initiated project for the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer (LGBTQ) towards their recognition respect and transformation to live a life with dignity by the people at large. The said project is for the transgender who are living in the city of Guwahati. During the year following activities are achieved.

- i. Relief distribution:** The project could intervene in the lives of the Transgender community people through distribution of relief materials, extending psychological support through phone calls and by physical visit to the areas in which the transgenders are living in Guwahati. Relief service was carried out for the Transgender community during the early part of the lockdown in the country, where many of them were left with no money to even to buy the basic essential commodities for survival, by distributing relief items consisting of essential commodities and sanitary items help were provided. Relief materials were distributed to the transgender communities twice in two places - Maligaon and Gandhi Basti. The first relief was carried out on 4th of April 2020 and the second was organised on 27th of April 2021. The materials of the first relief were donated by Fr. Varghese Velickakam, the Director of North East Diocesan Social Service Society (NEDSSS) and a Board member of Love Guwahati Project. The second relief materials were distributed from Assam Baptist Convention, Love Guwahati Project.

- ii. **Transgender community visits:** During post lockdown and containment Zones enforced in various places, the LG staff visited the Transgender Community, in order to gather information and learn about the various challenges faced by them and how they were coping with the changing time in order to live their lives in a dignified manner and also offer help and solution wherever possible through interaction with them.
- iii. **Alternative Livelihood program:** The Alternative Livelihood and Promotion for the Transgender community is a planned activity through which the Transgender community members including their Leader (Guru) are encouraged to participate. At present the project workers are trained for the training on making of Phenyl; Detergent washing powder and hand wash.
- iv. **Bee Keeping:** As alternate source to support the project financially Bee keeping (apiary) initiative is going on at village Umsru, under KABS, where 10 farmers are involved for Bee keeping.

8. Nagaon Mission Market (NMM): Mission Market /Mission Plaza/ Edward Singha Memorial Market and New Mission Market located at Nagaon main Town is running well by the supervision of NMM Committee and Treasurer, NMM. This is a self-Reliance project of Assam Baptist Convention to support the mission and ministry of the Convention. At present ABC has constructed 154 retail counters with advance taken from the tenants. Therefore, advance taken for construction from the tenants is under 50% rent adjustment from each of the tenant. The New Mission Market 2nd floor on the top of RESMM is under construction.

9. Scholarship program:

i. Theological Education: The Convention/Association/Churches under ABC lacks theologically trained leadership. There are very few theologically trained leaders who are in the ministry at the level of Church, Association and Convention. Last year we could not

give full Scholarship on account of COVID-19 crisis. However, Convention granted ¹ 25,000/- (Twenty-five thousand) each to the following BD students as one-time financial assistance. 1. Mr. Pranjit Demta, NDBA (ETC); 2. Mr. Symon R Sangma, KABS (ETC); 3. Ms. Ester Hassa, MABA (ETC); 4. Mr. Ryan Smith, SBA (CTC); 5. Ms. Faguni Rabha, UBCA (TTC) and 6. Mr. Pranjal Jojo, SBA (ETC)

ii. Nursing Education: The students under ABC selected for GNM nursing education at SCH and JCMC are being supported financially from the Convention provided they meet the criteria. We are happy to inform you that thus far we have supported 36 GNM nurses financially out of which, those passed out nurses that completed internship working in different hospitals. This year we have started supporting following 4 (four) GNM students: 1. Ms. Pronami Deep, MABA (JCMC); 2. Ms. Monisha Sagar, MABA (JCMC); 3. Ms. Martina Kumari, SDBA (JCMC) and 4. Ms. Steela Nag SDBA (JCMC)

10. Relief Work: The Assam Baptist Convention involved in the relief work during COVID-19 pandemic and flood as mentioned in the following.

- a. The amount of Rs. 100,000/- is contributed as assistance to Asom Aragya Nidhi so as to strengthen upon the endeavour of Assam Government during the time of COVID-19 crisis.
- b. The Convention has participated with Assam Christian Forum by contributing 10 bags of rice in the relief work for most needy people of Greater Guwahati area.
- c. ‘Community Food Relief’ distribution is done for the under-privileged category of people (361 families) within 6 (six) Associations of the Convention who are widows; orphans; Daily wagers and migrant labourers.
- d. The Convention has distributed flood relief foodstuff to the 314 families under SDBA and 71 families under SBA. At this juncture I on behalf of the Convention express gratitude to Nagaland Baptist Churches Council and Bible Centered Church Siliguri,

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West Bangal who supported us financially towards the flood relief work.

Conclusion: In conclusion I thank God for His abundant Grace thus far to serve Him through Assam Baptist Convention and I also like to thank CBCNEI for the continuous support to ABC. I also appreciate the President of the Convention for his leadership; all the ABC Secretaries and staff for the hard work and cooperation for discharging my ministry in the Convention. May God bless us all richly.



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**Annual Report from April 2020-April 2021 at the 71st
CBCNEI, Annual General Meeting at the Mission
Compound CBCNEI, Guwahati.**

*As reported by Mr Tugaso Manyu, AGS, ABCC For General Secretary,
ABCC*

INTRODUCTION

Respected Members of the Executive Council; Adv. Norbu Lama -President, Rev. Dr. Akheto Sema- General Secretary and the General Secretaries of 6 Convention and council members present. I bring warm greetings in the name of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ and from Arunachal Baptist Church Council as well. I take this opportunity to present a brief report of the ministerial activities undertaken during the year. We are grateful to the Almighty God for His guidance and protection throughout the year and for enabling us to serve His people in different ways.

Due to the announcement of nationwide lockdown in view of Covid-19, the council could not hold any major ministerial activities. Like the other states of India, even Arunachal Pradesh suffered the problems caused by the Covid-19 outbreak. However, we could conduct some ministerial activities and shared our resources with state government.

Following are the points of reports from ABCC:

I. STATISTICAL REPORT

No. of Associations	No. of Churches	Baptized Members
20	1150	134949

II. MINISTERIAL ACTIVITIES

- a. There was no physical meetings till October 2020 but could Attend and conduct online meetings at the state, northeast, national and international level.
- b. Due to the Governments' announcement of nationwide lockdown, we were unable to conduct the Annual General Assembly in the month of April 2020. However, we conducted the 12th Annual General Assembly at Idu Mishmi Baptist Khumu Embo (IMBKE), Roing from 15-17 October 2020. The Dimapur Ao Baptist Arogo is the mission partner of IMBKE.
- c. During the assembly, the council gave farewell to outgoing leaders and inducted new leaders and are as follows: -
 - i. **President:** Adv. Norbu Lama (outgoing) and Bro. Pema Tshetan (Inducted)
 - ii. **Vice President:** Rev. Tage Donyi (Extended for one more term)
 - iii. **Treasurer/Finance Secretary:** Mr. Kapa Likha (outgoing) and Dr. T.R. Naban (Inducted)
 - iv. **Women Chairperson:** Sis. Nangram Ajuk (Outgoing) and Sis. Basalu Tayang (Inducted)
 - v. **Women Secretary:** Sis. Sumi Siram (Outgoing) and Sis. Roinem T. Kamba (Inducted)
 - vi. **Youth Chairperson:** Bro. Migge Kadu, (Extended for one more term)

- d. The churches and associations under ABCC have participated in shouldering the state government in combating the Covid-19 situation by contributing some financial aid to the government at the state and district authorities.
- e. During the lockdown period, Baptist World Alliance have sanctioned an emergency grant of 1000 USD for relief and accordingly some relief materials were distributed to daily wage earners and old folks.
- f. After much delegation and submission of Memorandums to the state government by the entire apex bodies of Christian denominations, the government sanctioned 5 Crore of corpus fund for Christian Schools. Out of that corpus fund, ABCC have received its share of fund for 16 Schools and were accordingly distributed among those associations having a school.
- g. General Secretary and Mission Secretary were invited in many occasions as the Speaker and Resource Persons by the Churches and Associations since November 2020.
- h. The calendar year of ABCC ended at the 13th Annual General Assembly at Yingkiong, Adi Baptist Churches Association. Sis. Zuali Khakha, Women Pastor, Naharlagun Town Baptist Church and Rev. Dr. Changha Chippo, G.S were the Speakers and Rev. Kara Sako, NBCC was the Resource Person for Bible Study at the Assembly. Bro. Vikato Shikhu, Finance Secretary along with Bro. Babul, have represented CBCNEI and greeted the congregation during the Sunday devotional service. Out of 20 associations, 16 associations have participated and it was a congregation of Youth, Women and General body.
 - i. At the Assembly, we have appointed Search

Committee comprise of 5 members for nomination of New General Secretary and Associate General Secretary (Mission) for next term i.e. 2022-2026.

III. MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS

We seek your fervent prayers for: -

- a. Search Committee to find and nominate right G.S and A.G.S for 2022-2026.
- b. Mission Consultation for Mission Partners working in Arunachal.
- c. Permanent Site for ABCC office
- d. Departmental Programs / State Level Leadership Trainings
- e. Visit to all the 20 associations.
- f. Next Annual General Assembly at Dibang Lohit Baptist Churches Association (April 2022)

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I want to acknowledge the encouragement and support received from CBCNEI officials, the 6 Conventions leaders and my local associations. On behalf of all the partner receiving associations of ABCC, I would like to thank and congratulate all the Mission Partnering associations and churches working in Arunachal Pradesh. For the extension of God's kingdom in Arunachal Pradesh, your support and contributions matters a lot. We urge you to continue to support wholeheartedly to the Arunachal Mission. I give all glory and honour to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



**Annual Report of the
Garo Baptist Convention
for the Year 2020-21 presented at the 71st CBCNEI AGM**

As reported by Rev J. R. Sangma, General Secretary, Garo Baptist Convention

Respected President, Vice President, General Secretary, CBCNEI Officers, EC members and all other delegates,

I bring warm Christian greetings from the 2622 Baptist congregations under GBC to this 71st AGM of CBCNEI. In spite of the diversity in culture and language amongst us, I am so grateful to God for the CBCNEI family by which we are knit together in the bond of love and fellowship in Jesus Christ our Lord. The importance of coming together as one body to celebrate our common heritage can never be undermined. As the saying goes

*“Coming together is a beginning
Staying together is progress
Thinking together is unity,
Working together is success;
Praying together is victory.”*

I praise God for the ministry of CBCNEI in this part of the world for the past 71 years of its existence. Thanks be to God for our pioneering missionaries who braved the odds to reach this part of the world with the light of the Gospel; for those native converts who served fearlessly and faithfully alongside them; and for the successive indigenous leaders who took upon themselves the responsibility to build on the foundation that was laid by our pioneers.

GBC welcome back Mr. A. G. Momin as the current President of GBC after a gap of one term. We also welcome Mr. Durasal R.

Marak (present BYF Secretary of Krima No.IV) as the new Director of Youth Ministry in place of Mr. Bikash G. Momin who will now take over as Director of Christian Education Ministry.

GBC 2020 Facts & figures

Year of establishment	: 1874
No. of Associations (Krimas) in S/W Khasi Hills	: 17 + 1 deemed Association
No. of mother churches	: 270
Total no. of churches/congregations	: 2,622
No. of Baptist families	: 103,207
Baptized members	: 353,299
Membership gained during 2020	: 26,360
Unbaptized children (approx.)	: 1,35,000 (Approx.)
Enrolment in Sunday Schools	: 89,837
Church run Secondary Schools	: 46
H. S. S.	: 2
Degree College	: 1
Theological College	: 1
No. of fulltime pastors	: 681

(548 men + 133 lady pastors)

New baptisms in mission fields during 2020 : 894

No. of evangelists working among non-Christian Garos : 75

No. of cross-cultural missionaries supported by GBC churches : 214

Nepali evangelists (working in Nepal) fully sponsored by GBC churches : 16

Overseas missionaries supported by GBC Churches : 14

(Bhutan-1; Mongolia-1; Thailand-1; Laos-2;

Cambodia-1; Indonesia-2; China-1; South Sudan-1; Azerbaijan-1)

*New Mother churches : Thirteen daughter churches were given autonomy

& upgraded to mother church status in Y2020.

****Ordinations** : Five full-time Pastors were ordained as reverends during Y2020.

Activities during 2020-21:

1) **On site programmes:**

- a) March 10: GBC leaders met leaders of the two rival factions of the Garo Baptist Church Bangladesh at the border town of Dalu with a view to persuade them to reconcile. Efforts are still on to bring the two factions together.
- b) April 11: GBC Day of Prayer and Fasting was observed for national repentance and seeking God's forgiveness and healing upon the land and the people.
- c) August 1: Consultation on Quality of Education in Garo Hills was held with the initiative of GBC leaders wherein imminent civil society leaders, government officers, educationists and NGO leaders took part in the discussions and made certain recommendations to the State Government.
- d) **Executive Meetings & Programmes:** Even in the midst of pandemic lockdown, GBC could somehow host the Executive Board meetings on two occasions after obtaining due permissions from the Civil Administration. Apart from that no other programmes could be held at the Convention level during 2020 due to COVID19 restrictions.
- e) **Church services:** During the lockdown period worship was mostly confined to homes and neighbourhood fellowships. This had a positive impact on our members particularly among those who were regular in attending church services. Church services resumed only in the month of October subject to compliance with COVID19 protocols.

2) **Online programmes:**

- a) 20th Oct. Alpha Ministry programme.

- b) 11th Nov. meeting with BWA Commission on Mission.
 - c) 14th Dec. informal fellowship with GBC Secretariat and ABC-USA IM Area Director Rev. Dr. Benjamin Chan.
- 3) **Organizational Management:**
- a) **Human Resource Management:** Staff retreat and need-based training are being organized from time to time. Coordination meeting is being held on regular basis and Performance evaluation and self-appraisals of HODs of GBC are done based on which appropriate actions are being taken.
 - b) **Policy framing:** GBC has a clearly stated Constitution, Staff Service Rule, Financial Policy, guideline for ordination of fulltime workers, guideline for granting of autonomy to daughter churches, criteria for granting of marriage licenses under Indian Christian Marriage Act. and guideline for inter/mixed marriages.
 - c) **Goal Setting:** GBC also has a clearly stated goals and targets for the period 2019-2024 which encompass key areas of Christian ministry such Discipleship & Spiritual growth of members, Christian Education, Mission & Evangelism, Youth & Women ministries, creation care & holistic mission, etc.
 - d) **Financial Management:** In-spite of many challenges and difficulties, GBC was able to meet its financial needs during the Y2020. The GBC churches contributed about 70% by way of membership fee towards the annual budget of GBC for the year 2020. The remaining 30% is raised through different means such as earnings from GBC Guest Rooms, Working Women's Hostel, Boys' Hostel, Wedding Reception Centre and sale of GBC farm products, diary, calendar and books published by GBC. We thank God for enabling us to renew our FCRA registration and opening

of FCRA account in Delhi with relative ease.

4) **Relief Work:**

- a) **COVID-19 Relief:** In response to the appeal made by the Chief Minister of Meghalaya, GBC contributed Rs. 1 Lakh to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund; Rs. 5000/- each to six church-run quarantine centres; Rs. 16,476/- to stitching of face masks for free distribution. In addition, the Relief Dept. of GBC distributed relief materials to 737 households in 29 far-flung villages. GBC also opened up its Christian Girls' LP School for use as quarantine centre by the district administration and our guest rooms for paid quarantine for people coming from outside the state.
 - b) **Flood Relief:** CI sheets were distributed to four families in Krima XIV area and 26 families in Krima X area whose homes were destroyed by flood waters.
 - c) **Philippines Cyclone Relief:** In response to appeal made by GS APBF, an amount of Rs. 1 Lakh was contributed to APBFAid (through CBCNEI) for the victims of Cyclone Goni in the Philippines in July 2020 in which 345,000 people were badly affected and about 6,300 people had lost their lives.
 - d) **Contribution to CBCNEI:** In response to the distress message sent by GS, CBCNEI, GBC contributed Rs. 50,000/- towards the urgent need of the Council during lockdown.
- 5) **Garo Bible Revision:** Revision of the Garo Bible is steadily progressing and the New Testament portion is almost done. Very soon we hope to give it for test reading.
- 6) **New Garo Hymnal:** The Garo Hymnal, which had undergone as many as 38 editions/revisions during the last one hundred years, has been completely revised and written with staff notation. It is hoped that the new hymnal will hit stands by the middle of this year.

7) **Infrastructure Projects:**

- a) **Permanent Convention Centre:** Till Y2020, the annual convention of GBC used to be hosted serially by the Krimas. Due to many factors this practice has been discontinued and now our annual convention will be held in a designated permanent campsite situated about 34 km north of Tura City. The campsite will have the delegates' hostel which can accommodate up to 1500 people at a time, guest house for women, four food courts, open air worship ground, meeting hall with 1200 seating capacity, parking lots, public amenities and recreational facilities. The total estimate for developing the entire campus is Rs. 300 crore. As of now, construction of the structural components of delegates' hostel has reached the 3rd floor. Earth work for worship ground has also been completed. Our next annual convention will be hosted in this permanent campsite.
- b) **Working Women Hostel:** With grants received from the Government construction of the four-storied New Working Women's Hostel, at GBC Mission Compound, has been completed and now only one elevator needs to be installed. It is hoped that working women from outside the city in need of secure place to stay can now avail this facility by paying affordable rents.
- c) **HTC Campus:** By the grace of God, the development of Harding Theological Campus is on the right track. Work on the main Administrative Building is 75% completed. The auditorium on top of the building is now usable although tiling of floor still needs to be done. We are grateful to the State Government for constructing 800m long stretch of internal road leading from the main gate to the under-construction residential school building. Digitization of the college library is also in the advanced stage and students can now access the e-library of some of the reputed

Christian universities/seminaries of the world.

8) **Challenges before GBC pastors and leaders:**

- a) Need to review and redefine children's ministry in this digital age.
- b) Need to take youth ministry more seriously. Since many youths do not come to church, we need to take the Church to where they are.
- c) Need to involve more of our intellectuals, officers and bureaucrats in the ministry of the Church.
- d) Need to teach and preach the Word of God in a more relevant and authoritative way.
- e) Need to challenge more of our local members to dedicate themselves for missions.
- f) Need to present opportunities to be involved in mission & evangelism apart from the traditional/conventional missionary work. There are exciting opportunities such as community service in the field of education, sports & recreation, rural development, information technology, medical service, Bible Translation, linguistic research, etc.
- g) Need to widen our networking and partnership so as to gain maximum exposure, knowledge and better sharing of resources.
- h) Need to strengthen our workforce & enhance the leadership capacity of our top leadership at the Convention and Association level.

Conclusion:

All glory, honour and praise to our Almighty God for whatever little we could achieve thus far. It is our prayer that God will continue to help us to learn from our past mistakes and cause GBC to grow in quality and quantity so that His Kingdom will be established in our midst.



KARBI ANGLONG BAPTIST CONVENTION

**REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY
PRESENTED AT THE 71st CBCNEI ANNUAL MEETING**

As reported by Rev Davidson Ingti, General Secretary, KABC

Respected President,

Vice President, General Secretary, EC members and all the delegates present, greetings in the most precious name of Jesus Christ!

I am very happy to stand before you all to read the annual report of KABC. Because of His mercy and grace alone, we could meet here today as one body of Christ. Indeed, we all know that, the year 2020 was an eventful year! Along with the Assam state, the KABC administrative areas also faced CAB/CAA agitation and many programs were affected. Again, as soon as the KABC 40th AGM was over, the whole country was under national lockdown due to the pandemic Covid-19. Many international, national and our KABC programs were badly affected. Even corporate worships could not be conducted and as a result, family worship has to be introduced in every household. It was both bitter and sweeter experience for all of us. Praised be to God that He has saved us from this deadly disease!

On behalf of the KABC, I would like to thank the Almighty God for His protection, provision and guidance! Let us see the insignificant achievements made by our Convention during the past year.

I. HONORARY OFFICERS

President	: Mr. Nshenthang Rengma, WRBA
Vice President	: Mr. Joysing Ronghang, PKBA
Recording Secretary	: Mr. Lenin Tokbi, BBA
Asst. Rec. Secretary	: Mr. Richard Marak, ABK

II. ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

General Secretary	: Rev Davidson Ingti, NKBA
Finance Secretary	: Mr. Milton Terang, NKBA
Mission Secretary	: Rev Kamson Rongphar, NKBA
Women Secretary	: Mrs. Esther Rani Rongpipi, NKBA
Youth Secretary	: Mr. Monison Teron, PKBA

III. STATISTICS

Sl. No.	Associations	Executive Secretary & President	Churches		Baptized Members	
			2019	2020	2019	2020
1	Achik Baptist Krima (ABK)	Mr. Bidarson Sangma Mr. Robinson Marak	13	13	1547	1588
2	Amri Karbi Baptist Kachirik Association (AKBKA)	Rev Navin Ramday Mr. Jendra Kleng	32	33	2831	2989
3	Bethel Baptist Association (BBA)	Mr. Livingson Terang Mr. Prasenjit Daimary	8	8	810	880
4	Boro Baptist Christian Association (BBCA)	Mr. Uttam Boro Mr. Maghiram Basumatary	10	9	684	558
5	Dhansiri Valley Baptist Association (DVBA)	Mr. Pronoy Rajbongshi Mr. Samel Dang	9	8	578	636
6	Karbi United Baptist Churches (KUBC)	Mr. Bikram Rongpi Mr. Sarjon Hanse	10	11	330	311
7	Nijang Karbi Baptist Association (NJKBA)	Mr. Harlongbi Teron Mr. James Dera	22	22	809	809
8	Nihang Karbi Baptist Association (NKBA)	Rev Benting Teron Mr. Joseph Hanse	109	109	16215	16357
9	Putu Karbi Baptist Association (PKBA)	Mr. Rupsing Beh Mr. Rajeswar Beh	70	72	7833	8098
10	Thadou Baptist Association, Assam (TBA-A)	Ps Paochon Hangsing Mr. Saisem Singit	-	14	-	805
11	United Achik Baptist Krima (UABK)	Mr. Ladipson Sangma Mr. Julendra Sangma	13	13	2320	2656
12	West Karbi Anglong Achik Baptist Krima (WKAABK)	Rev Pritison Marak Mr. Bronson Marak	17	17	977	1025
13	Western Rengma Baptist Association (WRBA)	Rev Eshachor Rengma Mr. James Rengma	18	18	1691	1964
14	Zeme Baptist Association, Assam (ZBA-A)	Mr. Tingwangsui Daimie Rev Zilliang Pamei	8	7	624	677
Total			339	354	37249	39174

IV. EVENTS

1. ***CBCNEI First Mission Conference, Imphal:*** The KABC represented about 100 delegates along with choir from NKBA Central Choir. It was a wonderful experience and many of our delegates were blessed. The program was held at MBC Center Church, Imphal during February 17-20.
2. ***Consultation on Vision 2020 and beyond cum EC meeting:*** The KABC organized one day consultation on Vision 2020 and beyond at Jirsong Asong, Diphu during 27th and 28th February, 2020. The same day, EC meeting was also held and the concept of Vision 2020 and beyond was approved by the Executive Committee.
3. ***Annual General Meeting:*** The 40th AGM was hosted by Achik Baptist Krima at Iralibill Garo Baptist Church during March 13-15, 2020. The theme was “Together in Mission”. The key-note address was delivered by the General Secretary Rev Davidson Ingti and Rev Dr Jolly Rimai, CBCNEI Mission Secretary was the main speaker. The KABC bade farewell to the CBCNEI Mission Secretary during the program. It is to be noted that Thadou Baptist Association, Assam has been affiliated to KABC during the 40th AGM. Vision 2020 and beyond plan also accepted by the AGM for implementation from 2021 onward. KABC also expresses gratefulness to the General Secretary and Finance Secretary of CBCNEI for witnessing the meeting and encouraging the participants.
4. ***Officers’ Tour:*** The KABC officers’ tour program was arranged at WRBA during March 7 & 8. The team comprised of the General Secretary, President and Youth Secretary and visited WRBA Center.

5. **Commission Directors' Meet:** The program was held to discuss about the roles and responsibilities of the Vision 2020 and beyond Commission Directors. Since the Vision is an initial stage, many new ideas are coming up and inputs are still coming in. It is hoped that if it is implemented properly, the whole KABC structure would be changed and mission and evangelism works will be enlarged, the Great Commission of Christ will be fulfilled far and wide.
6. **Executive Committee:** With the relaxation of Covid-19 protocol, the General Executive Meeting was held on September 9.
7. **Vision 2020 and beyond Consultation:** On September 12, the Vision 2020 and beyond Consultative meeting was held with NKBA Cabinet Secretaries at NKBA Centre, Manja.
8. **Vision 2020 and beyond/ financial management seminar:** It was held at Edenbari Baptist School, under NJKBA. The Association and church leaders of both NJKBA and KUBC attended.
9. **Emergency Executive Meeting:** On October 26, the Emergency Executive Meeting was held at KABC conference hall on ABA Farms Pvt. Ltd.
10. **Football Match for Peace:** On 29th October, the Football Match for Peace was organized by Community Empowerment and Sustainable Development project (KABC) at Artubonglong of Dera Arlok, Jengkha, West Karbi Anglong.
11. **CBCNEI Officers' visit:** On November 1, the officials led by the General Secretary of CBCNEI visited our office.
12. **41st KABC Founding Day:** The celebration took place

on November 12, observed with hoisting of the KABC flag by our President. Exhortation was brought by Rev Khoyasing Ronghang, founder General Secretary.

- 13. CESDP training program:** From November 14-15, there was Community Empowerment and Sustainable Development Project training program at CEHS play ground by CASA officers.
- 14. Staffs pre-Christmas program:** On December 17, there was pre-Christmas celebration by the staffs, patrons and well-wishers of KABC. Rev Lawrence Ingti, former NKBA Executive Secretary was the speaker.
- 15. Officers' Tour:** The KABC officers toured to NJKBA, PKBA and KUBC area during December 19 to 20. During the tour program, Vision 2020 and beyond plan was discussed with the Association's leaders.
16. Christmas and New Year's holiday was declared from December 17 to January 6, 2021.

V. KABC DEPARTMENTS AND PROJECT REPORT

- a) Youth Department:** The KABC Youth Department is presently led by Mr. Monison Teron. Since the effect of Covid-19 started just after conclusion of the 40th KABC Annual General Meeting, no program could be conducted physically. And as EC members of KABC Youth Department could not be gathered together, the Youth Secretary, taking initiative in the name of Karbi Gospel Artists Forum (KGAF) organized relief distribution during lockdown.
 1. Covid-19 relief distribution: April 10, 2020, distributed dry rations to 36 families in a village near Taralangso, Karbi peoples' Hall.
 2. Tea for Police on duty: On April 22, 2020, offered tea and snacks to all the police on Covid-19 duty in

Diphu town both those on the streets and in the office.

3. **Virtual Seminar:** On June 28, 2020 KABCYD had meeting on Zoom during which Mr. (Rev) Kamson Rongphar was the resource person. The meeting was an eye opening to Vision 2020 and beyond plan and the place of youth leaders in the framework.
 4. **Executive Meeting:** The KABC Youth Department EC meeting was held on February 8 and via Zoom on August 29.
 5. **Youth Seminar:** The KABC Youth Seminar was held on October 2 with main theme “Redeem the Time” on Zoom facility. Rev Samaresh Nayak, Executive Director of IMCC was the resource person. 26 youth leaders attended the program and were blessed with the message from the speaker.
- b) Women Department:** Mrs. Esther Rani Rongpipi presently led the KABC Women Department. The following programs were done by the department during the year:
1. **1st Executive Meeting:** KABCWD 1st Executive Meeting was held on September 4 through Zoom, coordinated by KABC Mission Secretary.
 2. **Emergency Executive Committee:** KABCWD emergency Executive Committee meeting was held on September 6 through Zoom coordinated by KABC Mission Secretary.
 3. **Anti-Human Trafficking program:** Anti-Human trafficking program was held on September 22 through Zoom coordinated by Ms. Shoma Chakraborty of IMCC.
 4. **IMCC Anti-Human Trafficking:** The program was held on October 30, 2020. Rev Narola, Associate Director of Women Forum, IMCC, was the

coordinator and Rev Samaresh Nayak, Exe. Dir. IMCC was the resource person.

- c) **Christian English High School (Project):** Christian English High School, a co-educational institution affiliated to the Board of Secondary Education Assam (SEBA) is the project of KABC. Due to Covid-19, the year 2020 had become a great challenged for the school. Classes could not be continued for almost a year. However, by the grace of the Almighty God and His blessings, the school could conduct online class for the students during the lockdown period. Four times online examinations were also conducted. Non-scholastic activities could not be carried out. The Government has extended the academic session of 2020 till March 2021 and the new session will start from April 2021.

Administrative

- 1. Principal: Mr. Moses Hanse, B.A. B. Ed
- 2. Vice Principal: Mr. Bidarson Sangma, B. A, B. Ed

Teaching Staff

There are 15 teaching and 3 non-teaching staffs in the School.

HSLC Results 2020

Appeared	star	I	II	III	Failed	%
29	1	3	13	11	2	93.10

Students' enrolment for the academic year 2020

LKG	UKG	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	TOTAL
9	14	13	18	14	14	26	24	26	36	50	32	276

- d) **Mission Department:** Rev Kamson Rongphar is the Mission Secretary of KABC. Under his leadership the following activities were achieved during the year:

1st Mission Board Meeting: The 1st KABC Mission Board meeting

was held on 14th February 2020 at KABC Office. Out of 13 Associations 8 Associations' Mission Secretaries were present and others sent apology. During the meeting it was discussed about the upcoming plans as shown below:

1. Vision casting and implementation plan of Vision 2020 and beyond in all the Churches
2. Attending 1st CBCNEI Mission Conference from 18-20 February 2020 at Imphal
3. Missionary Day/Great Day of Witness to be observed in all the Churches under 13 Associations on 30th October 2020
4. KABC Mission Sunday cum Introducing of Great Hour of Giving in all the Churches on 6th September 2020
5. Mission Exposure tour to Thailand (TLBC) in last week of September 2020
6. Replication Program Graduation with 30 Church Planters on 6th June 2020
7. Sunday School Teacher's Training (Master's Trainers Training) from 30th April -2nd May 2020 at KABC Training center
8. Mission Conference to be observed in all Associations for Missions promotion
9. Mission Assistant's post to be created and
10. Delegations.

2nd Mission Board meeting: It was held on 22nd July 2020 as planned over Zoom Conference. However, due to the Nationwide COVID-19 lockdown we could not implement any of the planned activities. This meeting was mainly discussed on the future direction of our Ministries and upcoming plans as below:

- 1) Vision 2020 & beyond: Action plan (updates/vision casting/strengthening)
- 2) Mission Co-ordination (Strengthening collaboration of Sending, Goers, Receivers and providing Member Care)
- 3) Use of technology for Ministry

Church planters' ministries: At present there are 16 Church Planters. All of them are engaged in different fields and stations. Due to the nationwide Lockdown, church planters could not do their ministry in 2020. However, taking the opportunity to serve the people they have done some commendable works in their respective mission field like conducting Bible study, prayer and fasting with the new believers and helping them in Kitchen Garden, Celebrating Father's Day and Mother's Day, doing personal evangelism, team evangelism, Gospel film shows and Relief distributions to the needy people affected by lockdown. Even in the midst of Lockdown we praise God for the adding of 30 new believers into the saving grace of our Lord Jesus.

Debriefing cum training: Monthly debriefing was a regular practice. During debriefing, praying for each other and for the people in our mission fields, for our sponsors and partners, Bible study and worship, collecting monthly report and also give away the monthly honorarium. In 2020 we could have only one debriefing before the nationwide lockdown begins in March 2020.

Church planter's training: In partnership with Villages Transformed, KABC launched the Villages Transformation Workers Training from March 2019 with 30 trainees for Module classes for 3 days and Mission outreach for 3 months. It was supposed to complete the 5 modules in June 2020. But due to the COVID-19 nationwide lockdown we could complete the 5th module class on 3-5 December 2020 and Graduation program was held on 20th March 2021 for the 30 Students with a certificate. 2nd Cycle training was commenced from 22nd March 2021 with 30 new students in 2 batches (Diphu & Hamren).

KABC Mission Sunday: The KABC Mission Sunday was observed on 6th September 2020 in respective Churches under KABC.

Mission Consultation: Mission Consultation was held combining two Associations: NJKBA and KUBC at Edenbari Baptist Church, West Karbi Anglong on 2nd October 2020. Myself, Rev Kamson

Rongphar, Mission Secretary and Mr. Milton Terang, Finance Secretary were the resource persons. During the consultation Biblical basis on Mission and Vision 2020 and beyond were discussed.

Missionary Day: Missionary Day was first time observed in all Association level on 30th October 2020 in the convenient time and places. Background of American Missionaries to Karbi Anglong prepared and circulated to all the Associations and consultation was held. Rev Kamson Rongphar and myself attended at NKBA and had short discussions on the Vision 2020 and beyond with all the pastors and other Church leaders attended.

VI. PLAN FOR FUTURE

1. To fully implement Vision 2020 and beyond
2. To emphasize building God's Kingdom
3. To teach Baptist Distinctives & Practices
4. Church & Politics Seminar
5. KABC larger gathering, 2022
6. Couples' Retreat as per Calendar of Events
7. Youth Issue-based seminar: To be hosted by PKBAYD: May 11-13, 2021.
8. Youth (Mission) Sunday: May 16, 2021
9. Youth Leaders Dev. Workshop: August 25-27, 2021.
10. Youth Conference: A larger gathering of youth on October 1-3, 2021.
11. Youth Secretary's quarter: To start construction of the same.
12. Women Seminar: 10-12 September 2021 at AKBKA
13. Women's Prayer Day with offerings: 4th July 2021
14. To conduct one day teachers' Retreat
15. To have students career counseling
16. To have education awareness program for parents.
17. Vision 2020 and beyond Vision casting with Associations and local Church level.
23. Church Planters' training for 2 batches (PKBA Mission Centre & Diphu/Manja) with 60 New Evangelist.

24. Mission consultations on 24-26 September 2021 ZBAA and at AKBKA.
25. Mission Co-ordination: Signing of MoU with Association, Church and Convention for proper co-ordination, support and better partnership.
26. Placement of the present KABC 16 Church planters with Associations and churches.
27. Missionary Day to be observed in every local church on 30th and 31st October 2021.
28. Mission Sunday to be observed on 5th September 2020 in all the Associations churches.
29. Youth Mission Challenge to encourage young people for Mission in every Association.
30. Review of the District Adoption by the respective Associations.
31. Village adoption for Mission outreach to be strengthened.
32. Mission Secretary's Quarter construction.
33. UCPI Good Friday program to be conducted in all local churches.
34. Implementation of CBCNEI Mission proposals:
 - a) Pulpit exchange (GBC to KABC)
 - b) Mission Secretaries Retreat on 2-4 September 2021 at CBCNEI
 - c) Ending Bible poverty (Free Bible distribution programs) in partnership with YWAM and,
 - d) BAM: To start Business as Mission

Conclusion:

In conclusion, I once again thank God for His unceasing grace, love and protection in our lives and ministries! May His Kingdom spread from shore to shore! I request all the leaders and members under CBCNEI to kindly remember KABC in their prayers for successful implementation of the Vision 2020 and beyond program for extension of God's Kingdom in the land.

MANIPUR BAPTIST CONVENTION
The Annual Report of the General Secretary
November 2020 – March 2021

As reported by Rev Dr Wungnaoting Konghar, General Secretary, Manipur Baptist Convention

Respected President, Executive Committee, and all the Members of the 71st CBCNEI General Assembly, once again it is a joy and honour for me to give you my report of the Manipur Baptist Convention from November 2020- March 2021. I want you to be noted that this is my last report presented to this august Assembly as the General Secretary of the Manipur Baptist Convention, and as this, being the last, is different from the rest of my previous reports presented in the Assembly over the past years.

For your kind recollection, having been approved my nomination by the Executive Council and Assembly, I was officially installed as the General Secretary of the Manipur Baptist Convention at Gaililong Baptist Church, Tamei, Tamenglong on January 30, 2011 during MBC Annual General Assembly by Rev. S. K Hokey, the former General Secretary, MBC. Consequently, I took over as the new General Secretary, succeeding Rev. Dr. Vumthang Sitlhou, on February 1, 2011. It has now been 10 years, and three months running since I joined the Convention. I would like to express my earnest thanks to MBC for having confidence in me and choosing me to lead the great Convention.

I also take this privilege to introduce Rev. K. Losii Mao, my successor, who is taking over as the new General Secretary of MBC from 21st of April 2021. Rev. Losii, as I know him, is a very committed, dedicated and a humble servant of God. It is my hope and prayer that under his able leadership the Convention will be united and will grow from strength to strength. I would like to sincerely appeal to you all to extend your full cooperation and support to him as he is prepared to lead and serve the Convention.

I have certainly enjoyed working in MBC as its General Secretary in many respects. Over the past ten years, I have received moral and prayer supports, encouragements, respects, love and regards from so many individuals, Churches and Associations which I really don't deserve to receive. In fact, I have gained much more than what I have given to the Convention. I also have had the experience of being accused, alleged, slandered and attacked from many individuals, Churches and organizations that I have never encountered in my life before. In short, I have come across more storms than sunshine during my tenure here in MBC. It is because, I believe, we live in a world that is not loving, but chaotic-full of suffering and pain. Martin Lloyd-Jones rightly says, "The first thing we have to realise is that the Christian life is a warfare, that we are strangers in an alien land, that we are in the enemy's territory ..."

As I look back, I cannot but thank God for giving me the strength and His grace to sustain and finish my term amidst trials and temptations. I still cannot understand how I could come this far. Over the past years, I took the decision not to blame anyone in my life, as the saying goes, "Never blame anyone in your life, 'Good people give you happiness, bad people give you experience, worse people give you a lesson, and best people give you memory,'".

I do believe that my joining in MBC is not by chance or by accident. God has a special purpose for me to serve Him through the Convention. Unlike Paul, I cannot say, "I have fought the good

fight, I have finished the race ..." (2 Timothy 4:7). But I have done the best I can which I think, would be good for the Convention and for the extension of His kingdom. If something good has been accomplished, it is done by God and my team. If there are mistakes, they are done by me only. To be very honest, I have many regrets, but I don't have any remorse. I have not done to hurt anybody intentionally, and I have not taken any decision deliberately which will be harmful for the Church and Convention.

The MBC, as I envision today has many prospects and a hopeful future awaits us. The Theme of the Convention for the year 2021-2022 is: "Stand Firm to the End".

MBC is composed of **29 Associations** with over **1460 local Churches**. The Convention has **4 Institutions** namely **Manipur Theological College, MBC Higher Secondary School, Patkai Christian College** (jointly owned by MBC & NBCC) & **Kangpokpi Christian Hospital** (managed by MBC). The Convention has also projects such as **MBC Book Centre, MBC Guests House, Legacy Home, Dorcas Compassion Home & Pearl Boutique**.

Few Activities of the Convention:

1. **MBC Executive Council & Assembly:** After a break of nine months in the midst of COVID- 19 Pandemic, the 199th MBC Executive Council and 40th Annual General Assembly was held at MBC Centre Church, Imphal from November 19 - 20, 2020. The 200th MBC Executive Council and 41st Annual General Meeting is being held at Japhou Baptist Church (MNBCA) at Chandel.
2. **Farewell & Induction of New Office Staff:** Ms. Khambi, Legacy Home Cook and Miss Fiona Goimei, PA to General Secretary were given formal farewell by the office on November 2 and December 17, 2020 respectively. We

sincerely appreciate and value the service they have rendered to the Convention. We wish them all the best.

Ms. Kathembui Khaute, the former Office Assistant was installed as the New PA to the General Secretary w.e.f 1st of February 2021. She is warmly welcome back to the Office

3. **MBC & STNBA joined Staff Retreat:** MBC and STNBA Staff and families had a joined Retreat at New Chadong village on November 18, 2020. We deeply appreciate STNBA and the Volunteers for the delicious food and wonderful service they have provided.
4. **Pre-Christmas Celebration:** The residents MBC Compound celebrated Pre-Christmas on December 2, 2020 with a grand meal. I had the privilege of sharing Christmas Message.
5. **Book Releasing Program:** Rev. Dr. Koningthung, a prolific writer's Book releasing program was held on December 4, 2020 at Penaching Baptist Church, Chandel. I had the privilege and honour to release 2 of his Books in the presence of MBC Secretaries and many other Church leaders.
6. **MBC Office Reopening:** MBC Office reopened on January 12 & 13 with Fasting Prayer.
7. **Church Dedication:** All the MBC Secretaries and Staff attended Sidim Rangailong New Church Building Dedication on January 16, 2021. It was very encouraging and challenging for us to see that only 12 Baptist houses could build such a beautiful sizeable pucca building Church. The Church happens to be the Church of Rev. T. Karang and was dedicated by me.
8. **Association Centres Visited:** During the year 2020 (November) and 2021 (March), the MBC Secretaries were able to visit the following Association Centres /

Headquarters and had fruitful consultation and fellowship with Association Secretaries and Staff: MBCA, MRNBA, TNBA TBA, GBCA

9. **Promotional Consultation for the Association Leaders:** Promotional Consultations on Church Administration and Fund Policy were organized for the Association leaders and Pastors of MRNBA (March 22 & 23), TNBA (April 14& 15), respectively at MBC Training Hall. The Consultation was beneficial and fruitful.
10. **Consultation of All the Executive Secretaries & Finance Secretaries:** In continuation of the previous consultations on the theme, ‘MBC Yesterday (Past), Today (Present) and Tomorrow (Future) which were held from August 17-18, 2017, November 4, 2017 and February 15, 2018, a fourth consultation for all the Executive Secretaries and Finance Secretaries was held on March 10 & 11 at Shalom Hall, MBC.
11. **Heirot Baptist Church Orientation Program:** Attended Heirot Baptist Church (CRBCA) Orientation program as a Resource Person on February 6, 2021.
12. **MBC Day Of Prayer:** Every year MBC observes First Sunday of February as MBC Day of Prayer. This year MBC Secretaries and Staff observed MBC Day of Prayer on February 7 (Sunday), with the 8 Churches of STNBA.
13. **ABA’s New Church Administrative Building:** Attended ABA’s New Administrative Building Dedication program as an officiating Minister. All the MBC Secretaries and staff were invited to grace the program. A big congratulation to ABA for being able to construct a beautiful office building.
14. **Dorcas Compassion Home Foundation Day:** I was happy and honoured to have been invited to participate the

Dorcas Compassion Home's (DCH) Foundation Day celebration as a speaker. DCH is a special ministry of MBC Women Department for the marginalised Widows.

15. **4 Tribes Leadership Seminar & Fellowship:** Church leaders of KRBCA, CRBCA along with Kharam and Koireng Church leaders gathered together on March 19 at Upper Kom Keirap for leadership seminar and Fellowship. I was delighted to be part of them as the Resource Person giving speech on, "Identity on Christian Leadership".
16. **MNBA Platinum (74th Anniversary) Cum Diamond Jubilee (60th Local Leadership Anniversary):** MNBA invited me and my Secretaries to attend the Platinum and Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the Association as a Speaker and Guests of honour respectively on March 30, 2021 at Machi. We were warmly accorded with gifts by the Association and the local Church.
17. **KCH Centenary Celebration:** Kangpokpi Christian Hospital celebrated its Centenary on March 31, 2021 on the theme: "The Lord has done Great things for us" (Psalm 126:3). We were happy that the MBC Secretaries and staff and many Association Secretaries and Pastors could attend the centennial celebration to join in giving thanks and praise to God for the marvellous things He has done for us.

Obituary

The followings are the Church leaders who have gone to be with the Lord during 2020-2021:

1. Kh. Adumba (INBCA)
2. Mr. B. Pouzwanlung (INBCA)
3. Rev. Hepuni Mao (MBCA)
4. Pastor Amar Khadka (GBCA)
5. Pastor Lanu Relneisan (ABA)
6. Pastor HL. Thangjalal (ABA)

7. Rev. K. Bonny (CBCA)
8. Rev. Poukham Gonmei (RNBA)
9. Pastor Pouningreiyang Riamei (RNBA)
10. Rev. R. Barnabas Konghay (STNBA)
11. Rev. ST. Angam (STNBA)

Conclusion

In conclusion, I am thankful to God who knows all my shortcomings, limitations and failures but still chooses me to serve Him and has led me this far. If I were left to myself, my faith would utterly fail and I would not have been able to stand. I am grateful to Him for his faithfulness although I am not always faithful to Him.

I am also thankful to my colleagues and staff who stood by me, worked with me, laughed with me, prayed and suffered with me. I am grateful to all the MBC Associations, Institutions and Churches for their unwavering prayer, moral and financial support and encouragement to me and the Convention till today. Lastly, I am thankful to CBCNEI for the privilege given to me to serve the Council as its EC member for the last 10 years. I remember, there were times we spent many hours, taking the tough decisions together for the good of the Council.



**ANNUAL REPORT:
NAGALAND BAPTIST CHURCH COUNCIL
At the 71st CBCNEI AGM**

As reported by Rev Dr Zelhou Keyho, General Secretary, NBCC

Respected President, Adv Norbu Lama, General Secretary, Rev Prof Akheto Sema, Executive Members and delegates representing the Conventions under CBCNEI.

At the outset, I greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I thank God for His unfailing love, protection and providence during the year 2020 which is unprecedented. At a time like this we are also reminded of the responsibility and the opportunity to stand together if we are to make a difference in our world today.

We started our ministry year 2020 with our AGM hosted by Liangmai Baptist Association at their Mission Center. It was a heart-warming annual gathering to celebrate our unity and strength in Christ. In our gathering, we were all challenged and energized to move forward fulfilling the ministry activities scheduled for all of us not knowing what would befall upon us.

Before we were even able to make our second move, the coronavirus pandemic, (Covid-19) locked our calendar ministry activities. We all thought that we were far off from where the global pandemic originated and that we would be spared. We watched the cries and the deaths from a far-off place and thought it will never reach us.

The NBCC first issued a prayer letter to pray for China, the epicentre of the pandemic. The press even labelled our appeal for prayer as “an emotional appeal.” However, when the reality of the

pandemic hit us, they rush to seek our opinion on our faith response. Our response was, “to stay and keep the faith.”

We began our involvement by financially helping in bringing home some of our missionaries from China, through NMM. That is where the reality of the pandemic hit home. As the nation entered into a total lockdown on March 23, 2020, our fear and our uncertainty turned into a reality.

Prior to the lockdown, the NBCC issued a prayer letter on February 19, 2020 followed by relief appeal on February 22, 2020. The association and the local churches responded generously in prayer, cash and kind. On March 18, 2020, with the W.H.O declaring coronavirus (COVID-19) as a global pandemic, the office issued an advisory in response to “increased anxieties and concerns calling upon all its member Associations and churches to remain vigilant and alert to potential dangers to the virus.”

The advisory includes urging the church to take measures and precautions to keep themselves and the communities safe. Churches were encouraged to cancel or postpone events and conferences involving large gatherings scheduled during the critical juncture.

With the first case of Covid-19 detection in Nagaland on April 12, 2020, and the positive cases increasing by the day the office from time to time went into a lockdown mode. Which to a great extent disabled the normal functioning of the office at the headquarters. Along with this, the calendar-scheduled ministry for the year came to a standstill for almost seven months.

From unprecedented year 2020 we have entered into an unpredictable year 2021. It is unpredictable because we hear of the virus appearing in new forms (variants) which are also detected in India.

The pandemic is far from over and therefore, as we pray, we keep our fingers crossed. Though vaccination has begun we do not know when mass vaccination will take place.

At this juncture, the best defence is to follow the SOPs and to be careful. Unprecedented and uncertain, yet, we know our present and our future is in God's hand. We hold on to our faith and yet, we must continue to do all that we can to keep ourselves and our communities safe. In prayer and in faith we are here once again to take the journey of faith to the unknown.

Our gathering here from January 29-31, 2021 is indeed, a confidence building moment for the church. It exhibits our desire to be together in good times and in bad times, trusting God that we are **STRONGER TOGETHER**.

As the calendar activities come to a standstill, we certainly do not have much to report. We may not have gone through the calendar ministry activities but a lot has happened with the church. Among the list we can include, the learning process, the response of the church to the pandemic and how we have evolved out of the crisis.

CORONAVIRUS AND THE CHURCH

Coronavirus is real. India maybe still reeling under the first wave. But, the rest of the world including are going through the second wave and many countries are going through a second/third lockdown. The variants of the coronavirus have put us into another level of fear and uncertainty. As we hold on to our faith and continue to pray for God's intervention, we need to be reminded that we cannot take things for granted. We must continue to observe the SOPs and be on guard and caution our people.

The blaming game and denial have taken its best shot during this crisis. We blame the country from where it originated. We also blame the W.H.O. for not being transparent to prepare the global community for the pandemic. We blame the government, the public and even the returnees who came home. Because of this blaming and denial game, some countries who are strong supporters of W.H.O withdrew their financial support.

Never before have we experienced the lockdown of cities and even

countries, the closing of borders, the banning of travel, the shutting of all but essential services, the suspension of church gatherings and large sports gatherings and the silent towns and cities that shout of fear and self-isolation. The rate at which the pandemic was spreading put enormous strain on health care givers and frontline workers and all of us.

A REFLECTION

In this 21st century, there has been a vast improvement in every field where human hands and mind are able to put and developed. The medical world is also much more advanced and improved. We know more of the nature of disease and medicine. But the pandemic has left us to think that we know less about the things we assume to have known. In a time when we think that pandemics have now been relegated, we find helpless. It has taught us that we are not in control, God is!

In this fallen world, what is not the problem of sin? God certainly is not silent or unaware of what is happening to this fallen world, a world that has become an architect of her own destiny. In a time, such as this, when life as we know it has turned upside down, it is crucial that we have a good Bible-based theology. This will help us to chart our way to come out with the right response because theology deals with God and the condition of humanity and how we must respond to the world.

The church suspended the congregational worships and other programs because “social distancing” became the “New Normal.” The suspension of community worship was not because of persecution but because the wellbeing of the community is also the concern of the church. Bad theology is the belief in God and not doing our part.

God does protect, and he does heal. We must continue to pray for divine intervention and yet, on the other hand listen to the advice of experts and take action too. We cannot always blame God without doing our part in obedience. The Bible says, God created a world that he declared to be very good: a world in harmony. But because of disobedience, pain, suffering and death entered into

the world and yet we still blame God. Nevertheless, God did not give up on us. In our suffering and in our pain, he beckons us to him in repentance.

During trying time, we must remember five things. First, we are all responsible, responsible to self and our family, and those whom we love and care. Second, we have a responsibility to the people and the government. Third, we have a responsibility to listen to the experts, especially the physicians who know better than anyone else. Fourth, we have a responsibility to God and we must allow our faith in Him to flourish in our lives and not allow people to put down the God we believe. Fifth, we must protect our faith from falsehood so that we will not be swayed away by emotion and make fool of our faith.

As believing community, we have seen how the pandemic has affected the church. Community worships were suspended and likewise all the church ministry activities. But all is not lost. The church emerged successfully to cope with the situation. Of the many new experiences few stand out. For example, when communal worships were suspended for the most part last year, the churches quickly adapted herself to virtual worship. This new experience has given a new form of doing church.

The new normal has taken us to an uncharted path. We were uncertain and at one point of time find ourselves lost. But when the situation was pressed upon us, we were able to quickly adapt ourselves to the new normal. Over all, the church did well not only respond to the needs around them but also reaching out to her members. One aspect that cannot be ignored then and now is bringing the families closer to God through family altar. Responding in faith is one crowning moment for the church.

THE CHURCH RESPONSE

As people of God, we are called to view the crisis as an opportunity to serve sacrificially. History tells us, the Christians often have been the first to help in a crisis and the last to leave. Of course, there is still much to be desired in this area. Speaking as a Baptist, intervening or

responding to disaster and crisis such as the one we are facing, we have much to learn and do.

With the first relief appeal letter sent out on February 22, 2020, the associations, churches and individuals responded generously. The NBCC Headquarters coordinated the relief work together with the Kohima Baptist Pastors Fellowship (KBPF) and reached out to the people in need across the spectrum in Kohima town. In Dimapur, NMM, Miqlat reached out to the people in and around Dimapur and beyond. The Headquarters staff were able to visit places with gift-packages to pray and encourage the returnees.

NBCC institutions, Oriental Theological Seminary, Bade and Christian Higher Secondary School, Dimapur open their facilities as quarantined centers with their own manpower and management.

NBCC convention center was given to the government to establish Bethel kitchen for catering purpose. NBCC along with the Kohima churches provided free service in cooking and packaging the food packs for the quarantined centers in the capital.

Besides relief work, establishing quarantine centers, opening our facilities to serve the community, making our institutions available, Associations and local churches in their own way gave their best. Abled Associations and churches contributed financially to the government to reach out to the needy. During the critical days, the believers just felt called to respond to the need around them. Bigger Associations extended their help to the smaller and weaker ones within us. Brotherly love and sisterly care were experienced during the difficult times.

Mobilizing prayer and chain of prayer became one of our strength. We have seen and experienced the power of prayer. There was a spiritual thirst, people longing to be connected with God. In midst of deep crisis, the roar of prayer for divine intervention was deeply felt. The God-faith dimension were made very evident.

We may not have done enough in a such a situation. But we thank

God for opening our eyes to see the unseen and experience a situation to know that we have so much to offer to the suffering-the seeking and insecure world. We may not have solved the big problem of pain, suffering and for that matter, the coronavirus pandemic, but we have come to love our neighbours, and see people as God sees. We have come to love and trust a God who has himself suffered.

ON THE DEVELOPMENT FRONT

1. General Secretary's Quarter: The construction of GS quarter may have taken longer than expected. But at the end we find fulfilment in completing the building. We began the construction with 25% of the total cost (one crore, one lac) as Associations' share. Besides, the budget share for the Associations, local churches contributed close to 20% of the total cost. The Finance Committee led by Shri Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS and the Building Committee led by Mr. Ruokuo Kire, worked hard to bring in the needed fund. One individual family, whose name must be mentioned is Mr. & Mrs. NeSibu Nagi. They committed themselves to complete and furnish the ground floor. Their joyful contribution is acknowledged.

The General Secretary moved into the new facility on July 28 with a simple yet, meaning dedicatory prayer of thanksgiving by the campus dwellers. NBCC is grateful to everyone who wholeheartedly helped in the construction of the GS quarter through their sacrificial giving and prayer.

2. The Retaining Wall below the New GS Quarter: The retaining wall on the south side of the campus has left vulnerable because of the mudslide two years ago. Last year we took up the project to come up with a permanent retaining wall for about 110ft in length. 90% of the work is complete and the remaining will be taken up in the first quarter of this year.
3. Other minor development works in the campus may be slow but went in well. We thank the council for their continual support. The Finance and Property Secretary will briefly highlight the other development work for the current year.

4. DIMAPUR BUILDING: A giant leap of faith. The tenants have vacated both buildings in Church road (the CLC and the adjacent building) to come up with a commercial building. With this building project in the process, the council income is going to be seventeen lakhs lesser for 3-4 years. However, we hope that, once the building comes up the income of the council will be tripled or quadrupled. This building project maybe one of the biggest financial investment the council will be making for many years to come. This will enable the council to overcome the financial constrains in the years to come for her ministry. It will also lessen/reduce the burden of the Associations contribution in years to come. As we present this project for approval in the EC and the house, I hope we will have a big heart of faith to accept the proposal so that the building can take off early.

THE COURT CASE (CIVIL SUIT NO. 02/2020)

NBCC was dragged into a court case filed by SBAK-Aizuto in a long-standing issue relating to restoration of SBAK-Aizuto into NBCC. Last year on September 29, 2020, the office received an unpleasant letter of notification from the Principal District & Session Judge Zunheboto: Nagaland to appear in the court on October 29, 2020.

However, since the date fixed was during our EC session we sought time to reply to the plaintiff petition (36 points). We appeared in the court on November 25, 2020, with our reply to the petitions of the plaintiff. Among other things, in our reply to the petition we have clearly noted in the presence of the Honourable Judge that, serial No. 2 (a);

... the church would like to believe in the legal system. And yet, as much as we do, the church believe that, there is a better alternative, namely, the biblical way (mandate) in mending our differences and seeking the solution outside of the court....

This is in line with the NBCEx-61/2020

VOTED to express its deep displeasure and resentment for being dragged to the Court time and again by SBAK, Aizuto for a long-standing issue. In a Christian spirit the Council has extended several goodwill missions to help bring about an amicable solution on the matter but have not achieved so far owing to lack of sincere cooperation. It is the desire of the Council that the matter be still resolved within the jurisdiction of the Church and not at the dictate of a civil court.

Our stand in this matter is clear based on the decision taken in our Executive Committee Meeting on October 31, 2019 where the issue of restoration was put on the wisdom and intervention of the Sumi community. The decision is appended here:

NBCEx-63/2020

VOTED to reiterate NBCEx-54/2019 (October 30-31, 2019) where the Executive voted to approve the following recommendations of the Affiliation Issue Committee on SBAK (Aizuto):

1. Sumi Community to take the lead
2. NBCC to sustain its moral support
3. Committee letter addressed to the two Presidents of SBAK (Nito Mount) and SBAK (Aizuto) with cc to the Executive Secretary, SABAK and Executive Secretary, WSBAK.

Reiterating the decision, in the last EC meeting (October 28-29)

Further, VOTED to assign Rev Dr Phughoto Sema and Rev Hotokhu P. Zhimomi to take the lead in the reconciliation and unification effort of SBAK Nito Mount and Aizuto.

The court case continues, but we have not back off from our previous decisions. We request the believers to pray for God's intervention in the situation we are in today. So that, God's wisdom and His will prevail. The issue here is not about winning or losing, the issue at stake is the integrity of the church. Everyone that has

come to know about the court case has expressed their reservation about the church seeking the court's intervention. We must continue to believe that there must be a way out and we all must submit ourselves to His leading.

WHY ARE WE HERE ON EARTH?

The present situation, especially the year 2020 has given us plenty of experiences we have never had in our life time. The fear, the uncertainty and the reality of the global pandemic which we have never experienced in our life time has given us an opportunity to test our preaching and our teachings. The church, at first find herself dazed and confused, but in our own limitation we rose to the occasion, serving the community. Much has been done and yet much is still desired of us.

In such a time as this, it pertinent that we ask the right question to recast the ministry of the church. E. Clinton Gardner says, "the church is confronted with a twofold crisis in its own self-understanding." In the first place," it is in danger of losing its identity as a community of faith which is rooted in the experience and heritage of a historical community." In the second place, "it is confronted with the necessity of making a new appraisal of its own relationship to society in a radically new culture situation, variously describe as pluralistic and post Christian."

Both these questions, the self-identity of the church and its role in relationship to secular society-are directly related to the renewal of the church. Today as leaders of the church, we must not look at renewal only within the spectacle of revival with the four walls of the church building. It must permeate within the society and become contagious. Renewal must transform lives beyond the occasion.

To further quote Gardner, "a church that is not in the world has forgotten what the incarnation is all about; but the church that is of the world has forgotten both the divine judgment that is being passed upon the world and also the promise that human life can be made new." There is a creative tension or polarity which we must

work out. I believe, the situation we are facing has put us in such a condition to define ourselves as the church.

NBCC DEPARTMENTS REPORT

NAGALAND MISSIONS MOVEMENT

I. Commissioning and Recruitment: All together 10 missionaries were commissioned during NBCC Annual at Tening Mission Centre, LBA from 30th January-2nd February 2020. The names are:

- a. YBBA
 - i. Ms. Tsurela, from Yimchungrü B/C Chümukedima to serve in Thailand.
 - ii. Ms. Tsukhumla, from Huker Baptist Church to serve in Guwahati Assam.
 - iii. Dr W. Birimong, from Kiussor Village Baptist Church to serve in Punjab. (commissioned in absentia)
 - iv. Mr. Shojimba, from Kiussor Village Baptist Church.
- b. SABAK
 - Church ministry*
 - v. Miss Abigail Swu from Khughutomi B/C working in Arunachal Pradesh
 - vi. Mr. Inoka Zhimomi from Chisholimi B/C working in Arunachal Pradesh
 - Teaching Ministry*
 - vii. Mr. Nguvito Swu from Tsaphimi B/C working in Arunachal Pradesh
 - viii. Miss Kaliho Yeptho from Tizü Island B/C working in Arunachal Pradesh
- c. LBCA
 - ix. 9. Mr. R. Yanbemo Murry, from Yikhum Baptist Church to work in Andhra Mission Field.
- d. PBCA

- x. Miss Shaoang Phom from Tamlu Town Baptist Church to work in Cambodia.

2. Missionaries Returned:

- a. Ms. Mesetshou Losou, teaching missionary working under CVT, Thailand has returned from the field on completion of her contract in the month of January 2020.
- b. Ms. Sentienla, teaching missionary working under CVT, Thailand has returned from Thailand to join her husband's ministry at NCF Mysore.
- c. Miss Y. Rebecca Phom, teaching missionary working under CVT, Thailand due to change of her ministry, to work as Women Pastor at Mon Town Phom Baptist Church in the month of February.
- d. Mr. Mhonyamo Lotha, Pastor NECF Nagpur resigned from the pastoral ministry in the month of June 2020
- e. Mr. Nesarü, Mission Coordinator, Himalayan region, with the completion of his tenure has resigned in the month of July 2020.
- f. Mr. K. G. David, missionary Arunachal Pradesh has resigned from the present ministry due to change of his ministry.
- g. Mr. Lipokchiten, Students Chaplain Chumukedima Area has retired from the Chaplaincy ministry on completion of his five years term.
- h. Rev Yanrenthung Humtsoe, Pastor NCF Shillong retired from the post of pastor after the completion of his tenure in the month of December.

3. NMM Events:

- a. Spiritual & Missions Awakening Crusade: Spiritual & Missions Awakening Crusade was held on March 13 - 15 at Kiphire in which, NBCC General Secretary Rev Dr Zelhou Keyho and Rev Andrew Semp participated as speakers and Mr. A. Jonathan

Chang and Mr. Toshi Jamir as Resource persons in the mission Seminar. More than 5000 people could attend the crusade. “Revive to Proclaim” was the theme of the crusade. It was held at Kiphire local; ground jointly organised with USBLA Kiphire office and Baptist Pastors Fellowship, Kiphire Town.

- b. Mission Week, 1 - 7 May: This year due to pandemic situation NMM Mission week programme could conduct through virtual. In which all the association leaders also participated in conducting the Mission programme through virtual in their own dialects.
- c. NMM Golden Jubilee: Due to the pandemic, mass gathering could not be held but NBCC staff could have 50th Anniversary Thanksgiving Fellowship on 16th December at NMM Office. Rev Dr Kethozelhou Keyho, the General Secretary, NBCC had reminded that NMM being the Mission department is the lighthouse of mission where its duty is to keep the lamp clean, to keep the light shining. The history of NMM was highlighted by Rev Andrew Semp, the Secretary of NMM.

II. WOMEN DEPARTMENT

- a. NBCC Women’s Day: With the theme “Stronger Together” NBCC Women’s Day of Prayer is observed in all the women fellowship under NBCC on the 4th of February.
- b. Chain of Prayer: This is the 25th year of NBCCWD, praying for peace and tranquillity in Nagaland. It started from January 1, 6:00 AM and ends on December 31, 6:00 PM, but this chain of prayer will continue till peace prevails in our land.

- c. Sisterly Care Ministry: NBCCWD and LBCA-WD has jointly organized an intensive training for ZBAN women leaders during March 14-15, 2020 at Peren.
- d. Christian Home Week: Christian Home Week is observed every year in all the churches under NBCC. But last year because of the pandemic, the guideline for the Christian home week was designed in such a way that every family can observe it in their own respective homes.
- e. Miqlat Ministry: Due to the pandemic, outreach ministry has been restricted. But God has enabled us to stay connected with the girls/women in the outreach areas and support them in so many ways because of the support and blessings we receive from you in this difficult time.

Though we could not go for outreach ministry as often as we want to, we were able to have a small Christmas fellowship and prayer time in three prime location.

We are also able to bring three new women. Each of them came with their own brokenness and we are happy to see God working in their lives in this short time. We are now dealing with women from 60+ to as young as 18 years in our shelter Home.

One of our biggest joy is reintegration of our girls/women with families in God's time. We are blessed and grateful for one such divine happening even this year. It was a gift for Naro to finally forgive and reconcile with her family. She spends this Christmas with her family after many years.

We could also initiate two important events with the communities in and around Miqlat shelter:

1. In collaboration with village council, churches, youth and students' body of Seluophe, Singrijan and Khopanala

village we could organize the International Women's Day cum Spring Fest on March 7, 2020 at Seluophe Amphitheater with the theme "An Equal World is an Enabled World." The occasion was addressed by Rev Wati Aier.

2. As we wait upon Christmas, God laid in us the desire to give to the community the little that we have. Miqlat family is blessed with good dancers and Aerobics/Zumba lovers. Realising Aerobics/Zumba are expensive for many people, we decided to share this gift with the community. So, for a month we offered free Aerobics sessions to the community, churches and children. We are thankful to Seluophe village council for allowing us to use the council hall.

III. YOUTH DEPARTMENT

1. **Pandemic & Locked Down:** With this pandemic, like any other departments or organizations across the globe, could not organize any church-related programs and activities. Yet I along with the NBCC Staff got to involve in reaching out with food, gifts packages and other necessities to few of the Quarantine Centres in Kohima. We also got to extend our help to the stranded people including students as well as labours and other needy people in and around Kohima.
2. **Youth Need-Based Training:** Youth Need-Based Training for SBAK Nito Mount was conducted at Satakha Town Baptist Church during March 10–12, 2020. Practical workshops on Paper Bag Making, Sound Management, Hair Cutting, Efficient Wood Burning Stoves, Soap Making, Entrepreneurship, Sanitation, and Mental Health were imparted to the trainees by various local resource persons. I on behalf of the Youth Department, NBCC would like to appreciate the warm hospitality by Satakha Town Baptist Church led by the Pastor Rev Kughato Chophy and the SBAK Nito Mount under the leadership of Ms. Kasheli Rotokha, Youth Secretary. A total

140 trainees turned up for the training.

3. Obituary: Mr. Sakeulak Pame, the Youth Secretary, ZBA (N) was called to his eternal home by his Master on 13th June 2020. He has left his wife and 9 children. Kindly remember them in your prayers.
4. NBCC Youth Committee: Due to the pandemic, the committee could not have the physical meeting but we could conduct through Zoom Video as well as Whatsapp chat on 30th April & 10th June 2020 respectively.
5. Youth Week & Youth Sunday: NBCC Youth Week & Youth Sunday was observed during July 1 – 5, 2020 by all local churches under NBCC. In the midst of the pandemic, we decided to observe the program in a more creative way such as sending out Prayer letters, Daily Bible Study materials for five consecutive days, Music & Sports videos through YouTube channel, conducted Essay Writing competition on the topic “God in a Pandemic”, and Prayer & Fasting on the 5th July 2020 which also culminates with Youth Sunday. In the essay competition, out of 49 participants all over Nagaland, Miss Bitsa K. Sangtam from Longkhim Town Baptist Church under USBLA (Sangtam) got the first position, while Miss Kilentola Jamir of Mangkolemba Baptist Church under ABAM (Ao) got the second position, and the third position was bagged by Miss Rübino Peseyie of Calvary Baptist Church Jotsoma under ABCC (Angami). All three of the winners were given commendation certificate along with cash. On the Youth Sunday I was invited to Khedi Baptist Church, Kohima and had a blessed time with the believers.
6. Students Ministry: Students’ Ministry is taken cared under the supervision of Miss Khrievino Sahu, Coordinator, Students’ Ministry under the Youth Department, NBCC. She has worked hard and brought out a Bible Study booklet for Students with

Notes for Leaders entitled “Starting New Life in Christ”. Few of the Student Ministry 2020 Activities are listed here: (i) SCF Leaders Orientation was held on 16th February, 2020 at NBCC Platinum Hall. (ii) SCF Billy Graham was formed on February 23, 2020 and had its first fellowship in Kohima College Auditorium Hall. (iii) With the onset of the pandemic and lockdown, the ministry resorted to reaching out to the student community through social media platforms such as YouTube, Whatsapp and Instagram. Short sermons and sharing were sent out every Sunday. The Supervisors organized prayer chains for the student leaders. With the help of the Council, the Ministry also reached out to some students in hostels and rentals with rations and monetary help during the lockdown.

7. Youth Ministry through YouTube Video Channel & Social Media: Taking the opportune time of lockdown and social distancing due to COVID-19 pandemic, the Youth Department, NBCC opened a YouTube Channel called NBCC Youth Ministry to connect and minister to young people in Nagaland and beyond.
8. A Virtual choir to APBF: In the event of Asia Pacific Baptist Federation (APBF) organizing a Christmas Advent program on YouTube on December 12, 2020, the NBCC Youth Department participated as a choir virtually represented by Oriental Theological Seminary (OTS).
9. Horizons Youth Leader’s Training: The Horizons Youth Leaders’ Training organized by the Baptist Youth Fellowship North East India (BYFNEI) under CBCNEI was conducted on 17th November 2020 through Google Meet. Three delegates; (i) Khrievino Sahu (ii) Suhuto Chishi and (iii) Arep Tzüdir represented NBCC Youth Department. Rev Dr Jeff Carter, Director, BWA Horizons Leadership Training and Development was the main resource person. A greeting was brought by Rev Dr Vesekhoyi Tetseo, General Secretary,

APBF, while welcome & Prayer was delivered by Rev Dr Akheto Sema, General Secretary, CBCNEI. I participated as the moderator. This training shall be continued even in 2021.

10. Fruit Tree Plantation Project: As encouraged by the Youth Department, NBCC, the Youth Department, SABAK has planted around 600 fruit (Lemon) trees in its Mission Centre Phughoboto as a pilot project for the year 2020. The saplings were supplied by the Entrepreneurs Associates, Nagaland at a subsidized rate through NBCC Youth Department. Therefore, we encourage the other Associations/local churches too, to plant fruit trees for income generation as well as contribute for environmental care.

11. 2021 Focus:

- a. KingdomSurge2021 – November 12-14, 2021.
- b. Youth Need-Based Training at Kiphire for USBLA during March 5-7, 2021.
- c. Youth Secretaries & Committee Members’ Retreat – April 28-29, 2021.
- d. To encourage Fruit Tree Plantation with the intend to boost local economy.
- e. Sharing NBCC Youth Ministry by visiting the different Associations/Local Churches under NBCC.

12. Statistics:

No. of Churches	Baptized		Non Baptized		Total	Grand	Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
1598	53848	49770	16257	14299	112255	104254	224419

IV. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

- a. Publication and Distribution of Books
 - i. January 20, Published and distributed Sunday school Curriculum, Growing in Faith Together

(GIFT) Volume III.

- ii. Submitted final manuscript of Pathfinders to the press for production
- b. Children Day of Prayer
On 8th March 2020 with the theme “ADIALEIPTOS: Unceasing prayer” Ephesians 6:18 Children Day of Prayer was observed in the churches under NBCC
- c. World Sunday school Day
NBCC Churches celebrated World Sunday School Day with the theme “At Home as it is in Heaven. Matthew 6:10” on 1st November 2020
- d. PWD Sunday
With the theme “Leave No One Behind. Romans 15:1-7” on 15th November 2020 Churches under NBCC celebrated PWD Sunday.
- e. Events and Programmes Organised/participated:
 - i. Conducted GIFT curriculum and Sunday School Teachers training for Gorkha Baptist Churches Association 24th – 26th 2020
 - ii. Gave an orientation on GIFT Curriculum at Kiphiri during Sunday School Teachers Training conducted by USBLA on 11th February 2020.
 - iii. Participated as resource person at Sunday School Teachers Training conducted by Puchury Baptist Church Council on 18th – 19th February 2020.
 - iv. Organised GIFT Curriculum Orientation cum Sunday School Teachers Training for ZBA (N) & KBA at Yetrang Academy, Athibung on 21th – 23th February 2020
 - v. NBCC Christian Education Department along with CRBC conducted Sunday School Teachers Training at Zumpha on 25th – 27th February

- vi. Attended and participated as resource person at Sunday School Teachers Training organised by Zeme Baptist Church Kohima on 10th March 2020
- vii. On 10th March 2020, participated as resource person during the Sunday school teachers training conducted by Bor Lingri Lotha Baptist Church and Senjum Lotha Baptist Church, Dimapur.
- viii. Attended and participated as Speaker during the World Sunday School Day celebration organised Christian Education Department, 4th NAP BN. Thizama.

Apart from the above-mentioned events and programmes, the Secretary also attended various programmes and events organised by NBCC office within and outside the compound.

V. SCHOOL MINISTRY

- a. Text Book, Scripture and Song Book Supply: Under the books supply project, the office was able to supply required text books and Scripture series books to more than 30 schools in and around the State. The Scripture series books were revised and updated to make it more students friendly and relevant.
- b. Under Privilege Scholarship: Under this program, in 2020 the office was able to sponsor 25 students (15 renewal and 9 fresh candidates) by disbursing an amount of Rs. 120,500/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Only) from 4 schools. This program is made available to students for needy students studying in Class 5 onwards with continual support depending on their academic performance.
- c. Infrastructure Development Loan: For developmental works of the institution, the NBCCSM Infrastructure Development Loan scheme has been availed by 5

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schools amounting to Rs. 45,00,000/- (Rupees Forty-Five Lakh Only) with low interest returns.

In 2020, a total of Rs. 8, 90,140/- was recovered from 3 schools and the expected recovery for 2021 is Rs.22,10,600 (Rupees Twenty-Two Lakh Ten Thousand Six Hundred only). This loan is especially made available for affiliated member schools for infrastructure development of the institutions and schools.



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